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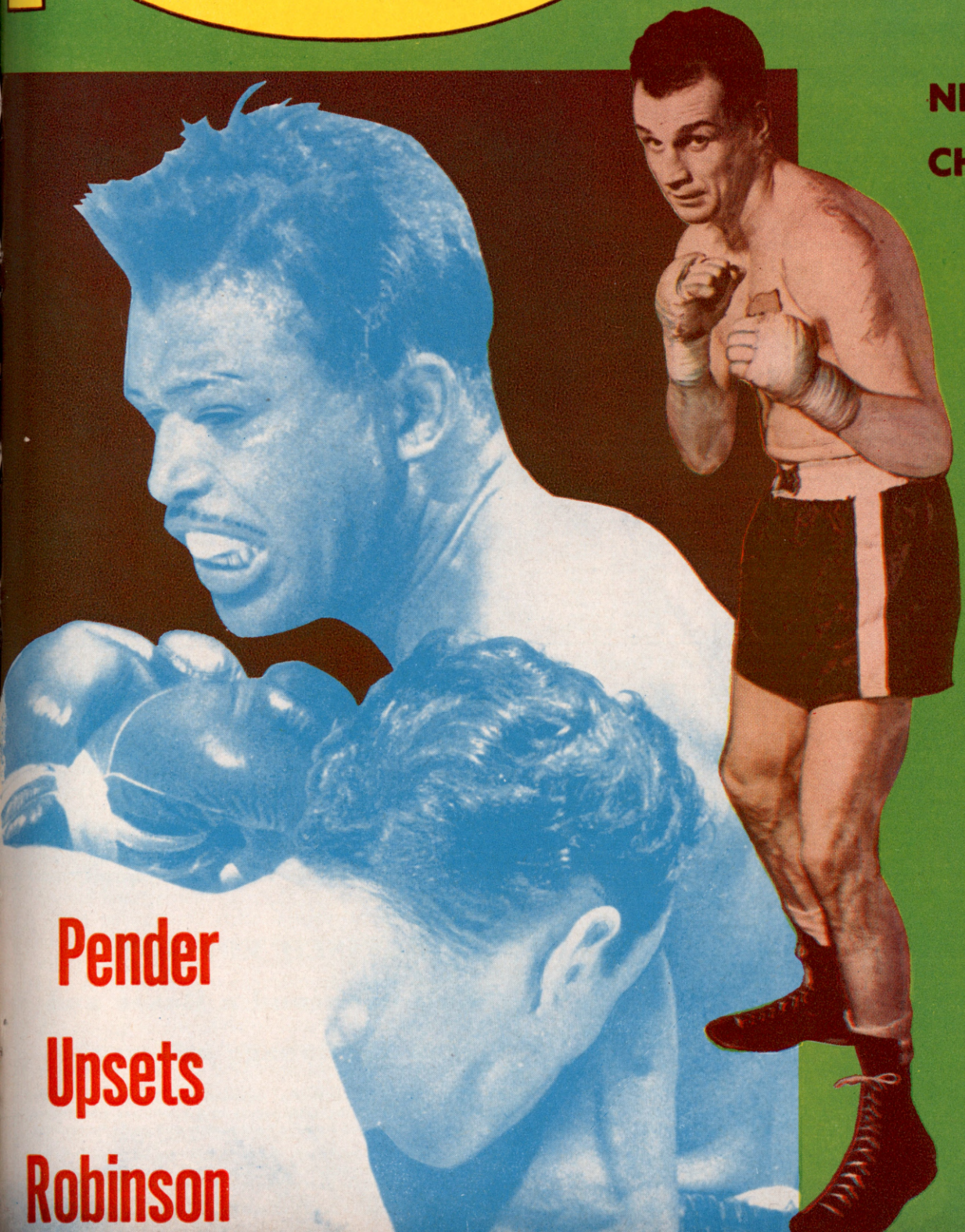

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NAT FLEISCHER

Says

THE disintegration of the National Boxing Association is in progress, due to discontent of the western contingent of its membership with what it declares has been a lack of effort of the N.B.A. to eliminate hoodlum influence. This is creating a situation in national boxing similar to what existed prior to the advent of state commissions. California has taken the initiative in the creation of a new national body which it hopes will be free of outside influence, something its members assert cannot be said of the N.B.A.

More and more, those who have a deep interest in boxing are trying to save the sport from coming under Federal Control. It is for this purpose that the California Commission invited representatives of State Commissions to attend a special session in Los Angeles to discuss plans that will keep boxing from coming under national legislation.

That the N.B.A. has come under the control of a group to whom power has the greatest appeal is the charge made by the dissenters. "Recent developments," say the Californians "bear out the charge. Control of champions by one group of promoters and managers has become evident."

The California Commission in calling for a national meeting to discuss current problems and devise plans for curing the ailments that have harassed the sport, brought forth editorial condemnation of boxing and aroused public indignation, declared there is a definite need for the control by an organization other than the present National Boxing Association which it terms a failure.

In the agenda discussed in Los Angeles, interstate problems concerning gangsterism, defense of titles, the designation of challengers, suspensions, the development of young boxers, income tax relief for boxers such as has been adopted for the movie industry, and a retirement program, received considerable attention. "Such matters have come up annually in N.B.A. conventions, but no further action has ever been taken," declared Commissioner Falk.

The possibility of Federal Control of boxing following the investigation and recommendation to be made by the Kefauver Senate Committee was one of the major topics. While some of the commissioners feel that some type of control would be welcome, the majority are opposed to Federal interference.

This publication's stand is with the latter. We see no reason why State Commissions cooperating, abandoning selfish aims, eliminating politics and ruling with an iron hand as did such great commissioners as William Muldoon, James A. Farley, and Bill Brown in the early days of legalized boxing in the State of New York, cannot do the job.

Boxing needs no Federal Commissioner. What we need to save the sport is a little more backbone, a firmness among our commissions. There is nothing a National Commissioner can do that the present ruling bodies cannot do better if they work harmoniously.

As an invited guest and an honorary member of the European Boxing Union and Far Eastern Federation of Boxing whose meetings I attend annually, I was asked to outline the method pursued in foreign countries across the Atlantic and Pacific in arranging title matches. I pointed out that if a title is vacant, an elimination is ordered in which the top ranked challengers take part with the ultimate winner designated as new champion. A champion must defend his crown once every six months, unless there is no outstanding challenger.

It was brought out in the Los Angeles meeting that the World Championship Committee has been discontinued. Failure of the N.B.A. to accept the rulings of the Committee and its withdrawal from same, brought about the demise of that body a few weeks ago.

Since its edicts could not be enforced due to lack of cooperation of the N.B.A., there was no reason for the continuance of the Championship Committee which was composed of representatives of the E.B.U., the British Board of Control, the New York Commission, the Cuban Commission and the Far Eastern Federation. That's why the N.B.A. has lost prestige and is a meaningless organization so far as world control of boxing is concerned. Its edicts are ignored except in a few states, it was pointed out. Some of the executives of the N.B.A. are not even members of a commission, yet their vote can dethrone a champion, can suspend a State and set the rules for national boxing. That is a condition that the California Commission is trying to rectify. That matter was thoroughly discussed.

Added to the woes brought on by investigations, boxing now faces a divided house in governing the sport. With the withdrawal of Massachusetts and California, two of the most powerful states in the National Boxing Association and the possibility that several others will join in the defection, there is little likelihood that the N.B.A. will continue its hold on national boxing. Working agreements between states such as New York has engaged in for many years with success, is likely to take the place of an association to control boxing.

"Let's kill boxing", is a familiar cry in our country and in other parts of the world. Those whose aim it is to obtain the abolition of this popular sport, will never succeed, but their nuisance value must be considered. Failure of boxing commissions to regulate the sport properly, is a familiar charge. Yet little has been accomplished by those in control through legislative powers to put the house in order. That's why the initiative taken by the California Commission, is welcomed.

Many years ago boxing was illegal in every part of the world. In England to this day, it is not legalized but the courts and Parliament are satisfied with the manner in which the British Board of Boxing Control, a private organization supported by promoters, managers and boxers, has regulated the sport, and no effort has been made to halt the operation of fight clubs. Defiance of the B.B.B. of C.'s edicts means banishment from boxing and that's why scandals such as in America have aroused the ire of the public, are seldom heard of in England.

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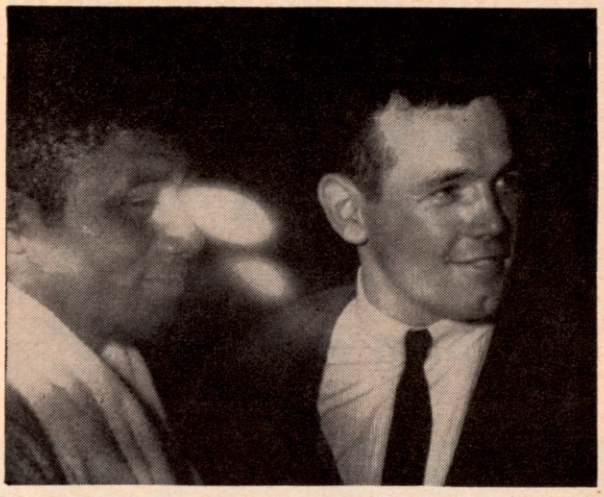
Ingemar Johansson, world heavyweight title holder, and his challenger, Floyd Patterson, appear happy at trend of events that establish their meeting once again for heavyweight crown.



JUNE FIGHT ELECTRIFIES U. S.

Definite arrangement of Johansson-Patterson return match sparks American fistic situation

By DAN DANIEL

WELL, it looks as if there will be a heavyweight championship fight next June, after all. The new syndicate promoting the affair has announced June 20 as the date and the Polo Grounds in New York as the site.

The first meeting of Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson took place in Yankee Stadium. That this arena has been discarded in favor of the one abandoned by the Giants conceivably is explained by reduced rental charges. It is hoped that all the normal facilities at the Polo Grounds are intact.

That Johansson and Patterson would get together again in June had become rather doubtful. There were reports that the champion had come to like the life of TV shows, singing roles, Hollywood ease and the social whirl.

Then again, there was doubt in Johansson's mind concerning the acceptability of the new promoters, who had bought out the Rosensohn Associates. It was only after exhaustive investigations by the New York County District Attorney's Office, the New York Boxing Commission, the FBI and his own facilities that Johansson became convinced that it was safe to hook up with the Jack Fugazy-Roy Cohn outfit.

When Johansson signed up for his first meeting with Patterson, he had no inkling of possible involvement with persons who were not in good standing with the authorities. Then again, Johansson was not yet the champion. He was getting a much wanted shot at the title and all that mattered was to get Patterson into a ring and land that solid right on a vulnerable spot.

Arrangement of the return match has had a beneficent effect on the entire boxing picture.

The Johansson-Patterson setup followed in the wake of the Pender victory over Ray Robinson, the announcement of a proposed Jordan-Basilio welterweight title scrap, Gene Fullmer's signing to defend his middleweight position and the rise of Harold Johnson, afresh, as a light heavyweight factor.

Having won the championship, and having found even the basic bona fides of his three round victory held up for close official and popular scrutiny, and conceivably in some places doubt, the Swede determined to go easy when it came time to sign for the return match.

Now Ingo is convinced that the June fight will be sponsored by honest men under unassailable auspices, and for this fight he will get paid. At this writing Johansson had yet to collect for the first encounter.

All of the connections of that Yankee Stadium battle were eliminated when TelePrompter, which apparently had the closed circuit theatre television rights for that fight, accepted a dissolution of whatever contractual preferences it may have laid claim to for the return engagement.

The field became open to all bidders for the theatre TV, and that includes TelePrompter. Irving Kahn must meet the opposition on an even footing and the contract must go to the highest bidder of acceptable strength and position.

This feature of the financial side of a big title fight has become tremendously important.

If the company behind the reserved telecast is fair to the theatre owners and will not set up profit consuming restrictions against them, plus devastating insurance musts, the closed circuit can become established as a far more vital force than it has been up to now. Alienating the theatre people is the wrong way to get this vast financial potential set up permanently. That has been established emphatically.

SWEDE CERTAIN TO BE HEAVY FAVORITE

It won't be long now before Johansson establishes his training camp, most likely at Grossinger's again, and the interesting matter of setting up a favorite begins to jell.

As a three round victor over Patterson, the Swede most certainly should go into the ring an 8 to 5 choice, at the least.

However, we recollect what happened in the immediate aftermath of Ingo's success in the Stadium. Experts who had been vehement in picking Patterson to win by a knockout, and in giving Johansson very little, if any, chance, set up a clamor that Floyd would be a strong favorite in the return fight, at that time set for last September.

The yammer was utterly without precedent in the history of the heavyweight division. It was especially without basic reasoning in view of the fact that no world heavyweight champion, once beaten, has been able to regain the crown.

Just why the experts decided that a fighter not famous for a one punch success, like Patterson, could come back

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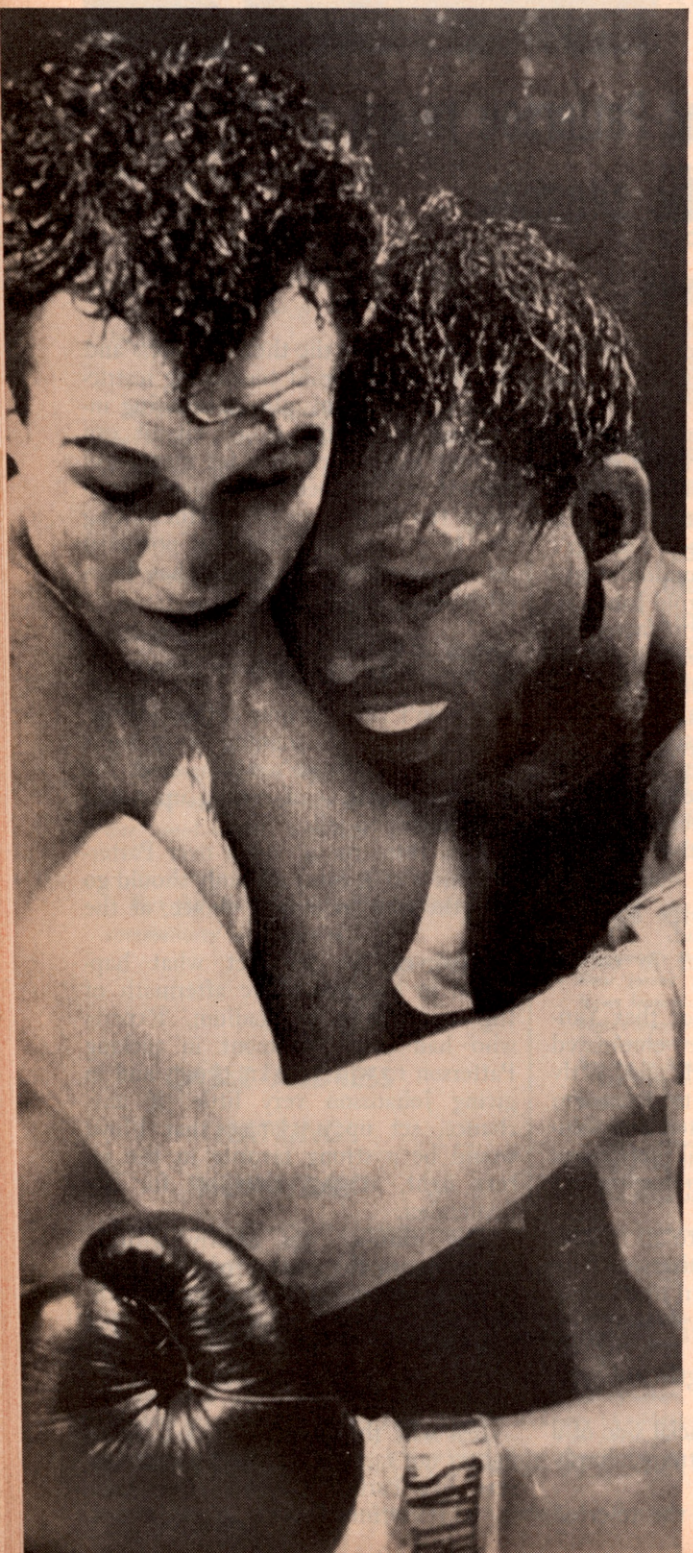
Robinson's dethronement by Paul Pender, his "easy touch," proves costly to the ex-middleweight champion of the world



Left: A tired Robinson is frustrated by his inability to land a soporific blow and underdog Pender goes full fifteen rounds to take away Sugar Ray's middleweight crown. At top of page, Robinson after the contest, a dejected figure, who raised no question over the highly disputed decision which wrested away his crown.

MILLION $ BUBBLE BURSTS

By NAT FLEISCHER

PAUL PENDER, an ex-Brookline, Massachusetts fireman, now rules the roost as world middleweight champion. The 29 year old Bay Stater who had faced misfortune during eleven years of his fistic career and had announced his determination to quit the ring should he fail to gain the throne, came through with the first major upset of the year when he dethroned Sugar Ray Robinson in the Boston Garden.

Pender's triumph by a split decision in a fifteen round bout which lacked the thrills of past middleweight championship matches, was brought about by a set pattern which the New Englander had planned and carried out successfully to the amazement of 10,680 fans who had paid $85,010, few of whom gave him more than a slight chance to win. So one-sided did the match appear, that Pender entered the ring a 6 to 1 underdog. But his confidence wasn't shaken by the lack of public support. He backed himself for $2000 and was probably the coolest person in the vast arena as he went through the fifteen rounds facing a man, once one of the greatest the division has produced. He outmaneuvered and outpointed his famed opponent. Ray lost to a journeyman operative whom he picked as an easy mark.

Pender's title status is not without flaw, since the National Boxing Association which had vacated Robinson's crown when he refused to give Basilio a return bout, recognizes Gene Fullmer as champion.

Paul gave a cool, calculating, brilliant, errorless exhibition, following a plan he had mapped out that worked to perfection for him in bringing Sugar Ray to a stage of fatigue that enabled the challenger to overcome the early lead of the defender. The 39 year old Robinson who had won the crown five times and regained it four, lost it, not only through the fighting qualities of his rival, but because of his own long inactivity and rustiness combined with age handicap.

At times Robinson fought like one who had never mastered the science. His misses were pathetic. But it was Pender's manoeuvers that made Ray look like he had forgotten much of the perfection in boxing for which he had become renowned.

Though the ringside reporters were no more in accord on the winner than were the millions of television viewers, the strong finish by Pender, and the ineffective aggressiveness of Robinson in the final five rounds, were the deciding factors. In the opinion of the writer Pender was entitled to the decision. He outscored Ray in those rounds to pull the chestnuts out of the fire.

Thirteen writers sitting on one side of the ring unanimously had Pender the winner while those of the opposite side had Robbie ahead. It was a tough fight to score. A wire service poll, that didn't include all reporters, showed 15 to 12 for Robbie.

Pender's strategy was obvious. From the opening gong he tried to play it safe by keeping Ray on the move, letting him tire himself while attempting to land his famous knockout punch. Ray was bent on scoring an early kayo, but the target wasn't there.

Youth and speed finally caught up with the champion. Ray weakened as the fight progressed and Pender quickly moved in to take advantage of it. It was then that the New Englander became the aggressor and with continued coolness and alertness, used a jab, often followed with a good combination. He clinched the title with two of the officials voting for him and the referee scoring it for Robinson. Joe Zapustas favored Sugar Ray, 148 to 142 points. Judge Joe Santoro awarded the decision to Pender, 147 to 138 and Judge John Norton had it in Pender's favor, 148 to 142.

The writer's tally was 144 to 142 for Pender and in rounds, 8 to 6 in Pender's favor with one even. The referee gave Robinson each of the first ten rounds and called the eleventh even. Judge Santoro had Ray winning only three rounds and Judge Norton gave Sugar only two. It was the scores of the judges that aroused the ire of Robinson's handlers who accused both of handing out a "home town" decision.

A tired, great champion of the past sat in a crowded dressing room after the fight, discussing the verdict that cost him half a million dollars in two bouts that at least temporarily have faded. With head bowed, left eye discolored, tears streaming down his cheeks, the hitherto loquacious Ray whose dressing room sermons in the past have been plastered over the sports pages following his great ring triumphs, sat downcast as he was being interviewed by a room full of reporters.

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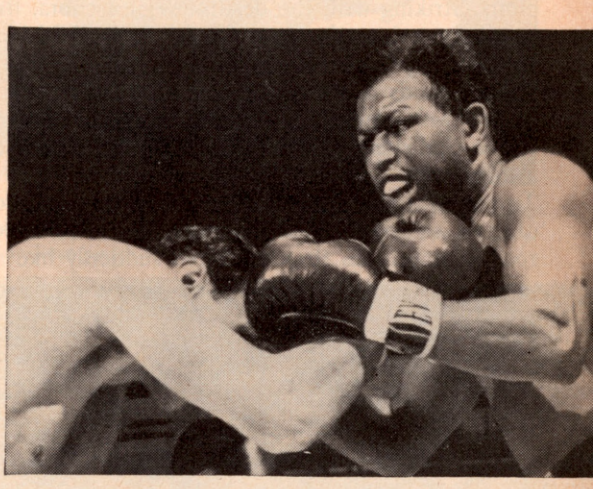
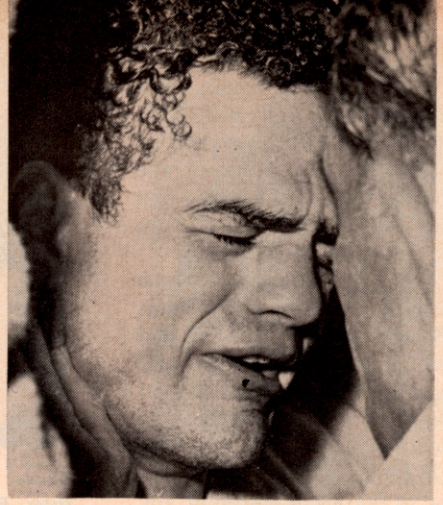
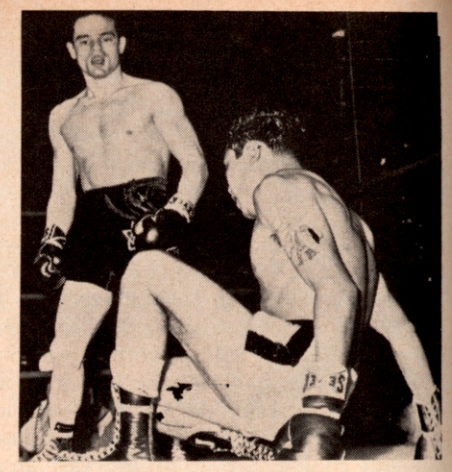
Above: Robinson consoled in his dressing room by his sister, Evelyn Nelson, and below Paul Pender's wife, Rose, tries new crown on the champ, just for size.



Sugar Ray attempts to tie up a milling Pender and receives right to the jaw for his trouble. Below: Pender being congratulated by ex champ Robinson, on his good showing which culminated in Pender's winning Ray's title.





Left to right: Jose Becerra registers joy at his successful defense of his crown while Alphonse Halimi, of France, is unable to retain his tears over his great disappointment at being kayoed after being ahead on points. Photo at right shows Halimi's big moment in which the challenger put the champ, Becerra, down with a body blow but was unable to finish his man

BECERRA IN DRAMATIC FINISH

One punch knockout enables Mexican to retain bantamweight title, overcoming Halimi's lead in sensational bout

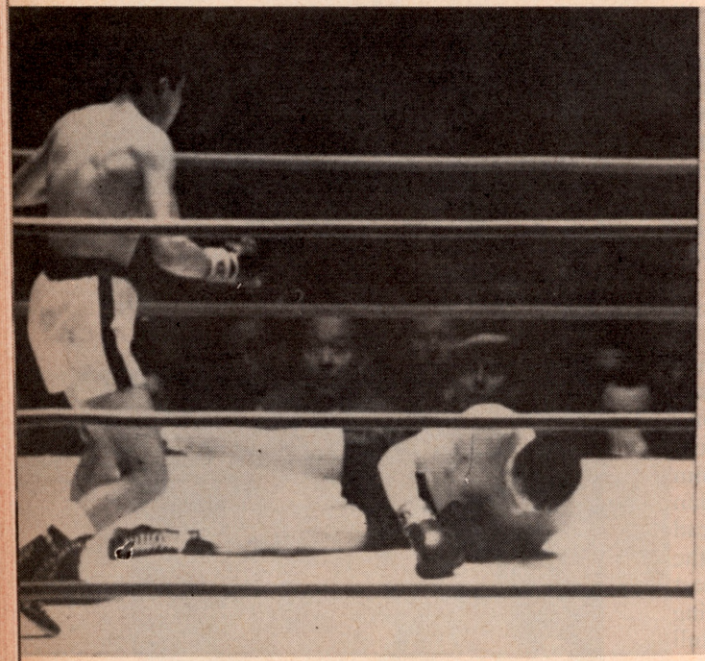
By NAT FLEISCHER

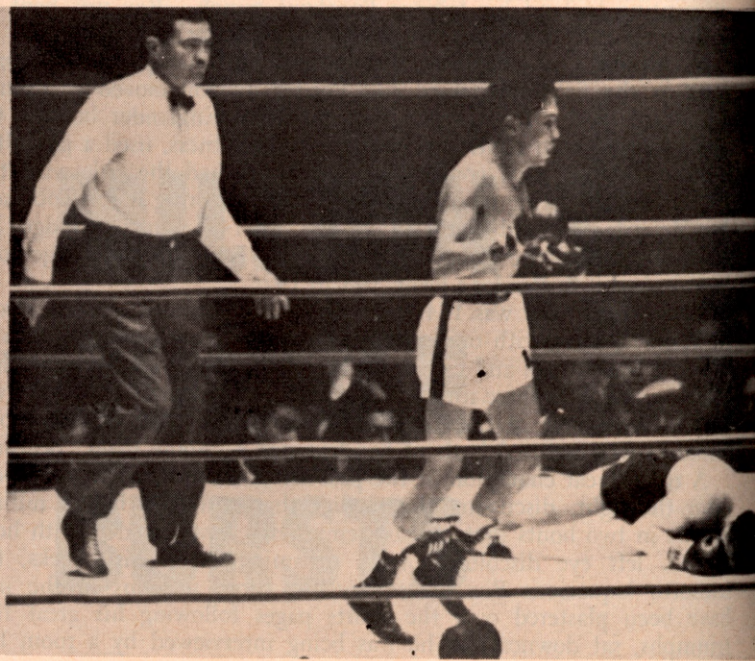
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—Mexico has furnished many top ringmen to the fistic world but none more popular than Jose Becerra, world bantamweight champion. Striking with the deadliness of a cobra, the Guadalajura fighter, in a dramatic finish, retained his world crown by stopping Alphonse Halimi, French-Algerian challenger in 48 seconds of the ninth round.

One well placed left hook that crashed against the jaw of the challenger, stiffened Halimi's neck, dropped him like a log on the canvas where he was counted out by Referee Tommy Hart. Ahead on points on the score cards of all officials and most of the writers, Halimi was well on the road to regain his throne. Then suddenly like a flash, one thundering smash that came as a shock to the Frenchman's many rooters, erased Halimi's margin and ended a contest that was replete with thrilling fighting and a dramatic conclusion.

Before a gathering of 31,830 that paid a record California gate of $383,060 in the first fight program staged at the beautiful Los Angeles Coliseum, the sturdy Mexican champion repeated his performance of last summer when he overcame an early lead and kayoed Halimi to win the crown. This time it took him one round more to bring home the bacon.

Becerra's single punch momentarily held the crowd, consisting of more than half Mexican rooters, spellbound.





The Los Angeles Coliseum went wild when Becerra landed his left hook to the head of Halimi after one of the most exciting fights seen in California in years. Interest ran so high that the gate receipts established a new record for California.

Then with a sudden explosion, came a roar of "*Viva Becerra*", a rush for the ringside, the overturning of chairs and somberos tossed into the air as the Mexicans gave vent to their enthusiasm. Pandemonium enveloped the stadium as the Becerra supporters rushed pell-mell all over the arena. It was a sight to behold!

The bout was one of two championships staged, the companion feature, the "manufactured" world junior welterweight title, also ending in a knockout with Carlos Ortiz of Puerto Rico and New York, flattening another Mexican pride, Battling Torres in 2.56 of the tenth round.

The most successful boxing promotion in California's history brought a handsome profit to Promoters Cal and Aileen Eaton and Matchmaker George Parnassus whose foresight caused them to shift the scene of action from the Sports Arena with its 17,000 seating capacity to the Coliseum with its vast area. They made the change when it became apparent that the Arena would not hold the thousands who applied for tickets to sit in on the international punch party. As a result of the switch the promotion reaped a fantastic profit.

The winner, who weighed 118 to 117½ for Halimi, was trailing when at the end of the eighth round he was informed by his handlers that unless he went all out, he'd lose the title. When the bell clanged for the ninth, he came rushing forth and the assault that ended with the sensational kayo was on its way.

When that frame got under way, Referee Hart had Halimi ahead, 77 to 75 whiles Judges George Latka and John Thomas, scored it 77 to 73 and 78 to

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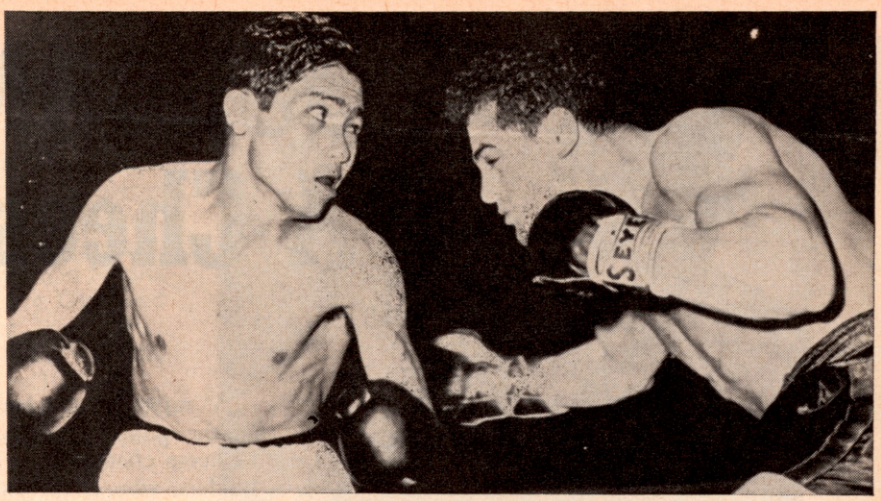
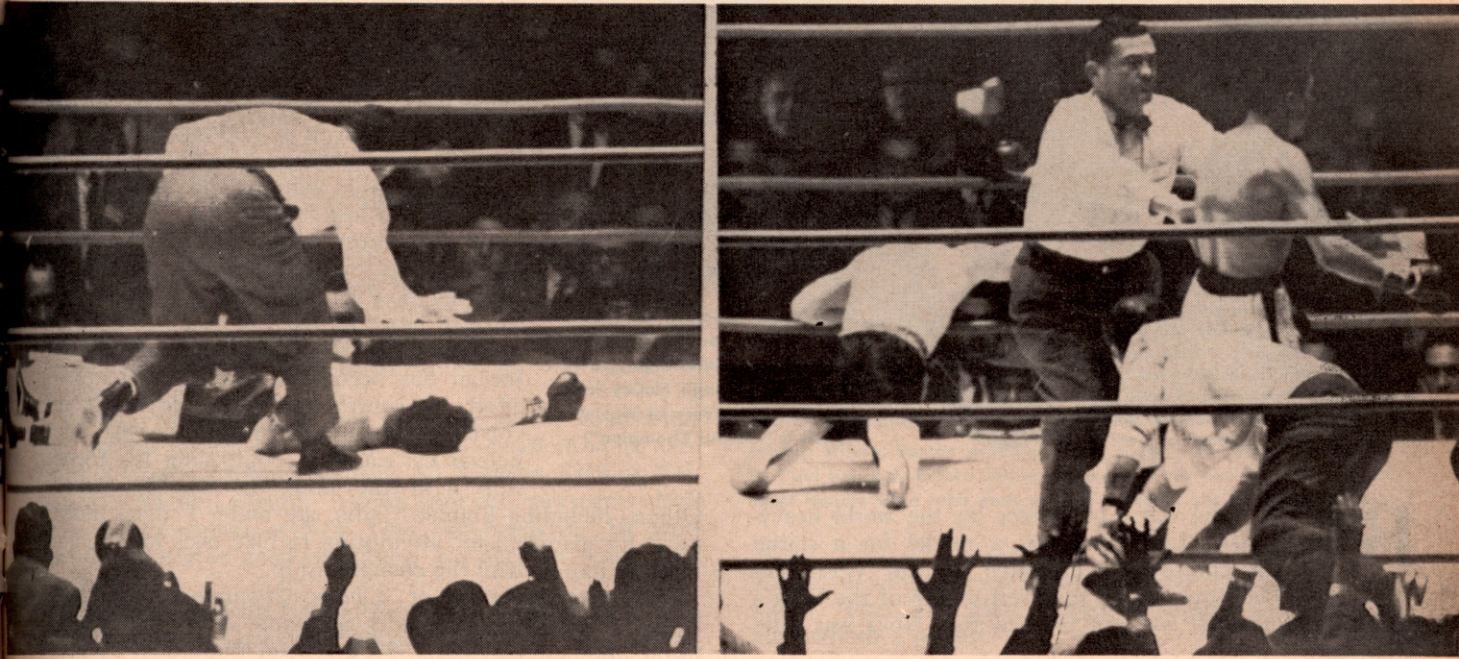


Becerra (left) invites his challenger, Halimi, in for some infighting, which the Frenchman gladly accepts. It may have been his downfall. It was in such an exchange that Becerra landed his soporific left hook to knockout his contender.

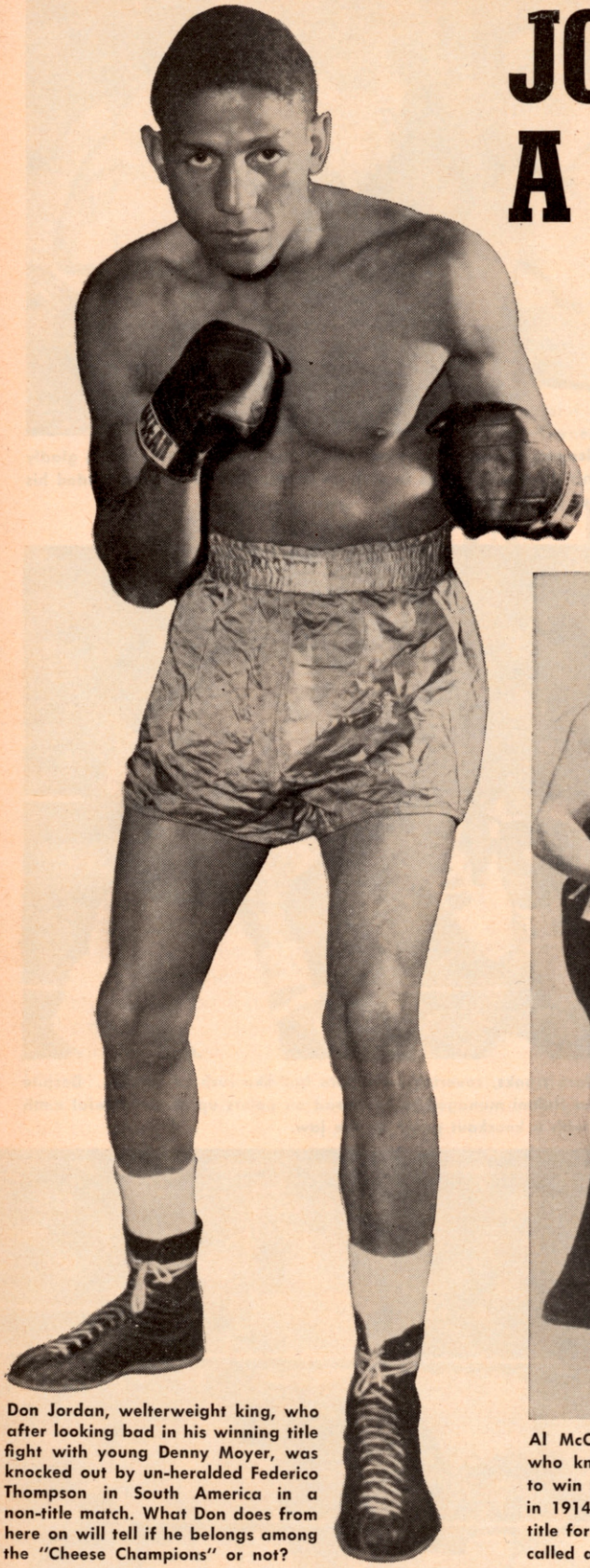
Early action—with Halimi, black trunks, covering up before bull-like rush of Becerra. Despite the champ's aggressive tactics Halimi managed to be ahead on points up to the fateful ninth round when he was caught with a knockout punch to the jaw.



Referee Tommy Hart completes the ten count over Halimi and leads the Mexican back to his corner signifying the termination of the contest. Note Halimi attempting to pull himself up on the ropes. The ending halted all and sundry comments reflecting on Becerra as a rightful title holder.

JORDAN - A Cheese Champ?

By AL BUCK



Don Jordan, welterweight king, who after looking bad in his winning title fight with young Denny Moyer, was knocked out by un-heralded Federico Thompson in South America in a non-title match. What Don does from here on will tell if he belongs among the "Cheese Champions" or not?

Al McCoy, Brooklyn southpaw who knocked out George Chip to win the middleweight crown in 1914. Although McCoy held title for three years he was still called a "Cheese Champion".

A mixture of cheese and cauliflower was long ago called to the public's attention by observing sports writers. The term "*Cheese champion*" was coined, and applied to unfortunate title-holders, who either lacked the talent or the urge to defend their crowns against all comers.

A "*Cheese champion*" is of the Swiss variety, one who can be punched full of holes. The latest among them could be Don Jordan, king of the world's welterweights. Of course he has a chance to redeem his indifferent performances of the past year in title defense with Carmen Basilio, and Luis Rodriguez.

Jordan's defense of the title against Denny Moyer on TV, while successful was a dreary affair. He rarely opened up, and at no time during the 15 rounds revealed a desire to take out the challenger, whose experience was limited. This was followed by a South American tour, opening at Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he outpointed Fernando Barreto.

Moving on to Buenos Aires, Jordan took one Federico Thompson of Panama in a non-title bout. He said afterwards he had been told Thompson was a light puncher. This information proved incorrect. Thompson scored a major upset by knocking out the champion in the fourth round.

Jordan should have been better informed. In the annual Ring Ratings for 1958, Thompson was listed in Class A. Of course he moved up, and in the 1959 ratings he was placed third in Group Two, a notch below Virgil Akins, the former world welterweight champion.

Akins can be regarded as a "*Cheese Champion.*" In the first defense of the title he had won in an elimination that followed Basilio's relinquishing the 147-pound championship on winning the middleweight crown, Akins lost it to Jordan.

In the return bout, held in St. Louis, Akins' home town, Jordan gave evidence of knowing how to fight. He has done little since to prove it.

There are extenuating circumstances. Jordan has become a pawn in the mob's efforts to control the title. He is not involved personally, although he has not helped his cause by continuing his friendship with the notorious Mickey Cohen. Others, including Frankie Carbo, are under Federal indictment for extortion for attempting to take over Jordan, and through him control the championship.

The most celebrated of "*Cheese Champions*" may have been Al Rudolph, who under the name of Al McCoy was world middleweight king. McCoy won the crown by accident. He was matched to fight Joe Chip, brother of George, the middleweight champ. When Joe became ill, George

BACK when he was a contender for the world heavyweight title, Lou Nova was a model for a statue done in cheese and exhibited at the Wisconsin State Fair. The purpose was to advertise one of the State's leading products. It was not implied that Nova was pure Cheddar.

In later years since he turned actor, Nova has demonstrated, both in stage and television that he is all ham.

Chip substituted. McCoy, a southpaw, knocked out the champion in a round at Brooklyn on April 6, 1914.

This was in the 10-round no-decision era. Chip got a return bout, but it went the distance, and as no verdict could be rendered McCoy retained the title. He fought the best, always in no-decision bouts, and McCoy always survived. In three years he went to a decision only once, defeating Hugh Ross in 15 rounds at Bridgeport, Conn.

McCoy stood off a lot of good ones, among them Soldier Bartfield, Jimmy Clabby, Young Ahearn, Harry Greb and Jack Dillon. This couldn't go on forever, and Mike O'Dowd caught up with McCoy in 1917. Mike won the title on a knockout in the sixth round late in 1917.

Two years later after seeing service in World War I, O'Dowd knocked out McCoy in the third round of a return bout. Here the *"Cheese Champion"* retired.

A year later O'Dowd fought Johnny Wilson in Boston. To protect the title Mike had his own referee, a Bostonian named Hector McInnis, who was a friend, and perhaps a cousin of his manager Paddy Mullins. Much to Paddy's surprise McInnis raised Wilson's hand at the end of 12 rounds.

The decision was confirmed in the return bout held in New York, when Wilson, a southpaw, outpointed O'Dowd again. Then things began to happen. Wilson took his own referee, Jimmy Gardner, to Cleveland for a fight with Bryan Downey. When Downey dropped Wilson in the seventh round, Referee Gardner ruled the champion had won on a foul.

The Cleveland Boxing Commisison reversed the decision, declaring Downey the winner on a knockout. Nevertheless Wilson kept the title and the return bout, a dreary affair, went 12 rounds to no decision in Jersey City. Classified as a *"Cheese Champion"* Wilson could no longer avoid meeting Greb, one of the great middleweights, who outpointed him in 15 rounds.

Wilson had his moments, including his two victories over O'Dowd, and a six round knockout of Jock Malone, who like Mike hailed from St. Paul. Prior to the fight with Roland Todd of England in Boston, Malone said: *"If I don't beat this Limey I'll jump off the bridge."*

Todd won the decision, and on returning to Boston to fight Wilson, Malone paid his forfeit. Fully dressed, and discarding only his straw hat, Jock leaped off the Charlestown Bridge into Boston Harbor. It isn't a high bridge, and it wasn't a long jump, but Malone was thoroughly wet when fished out.

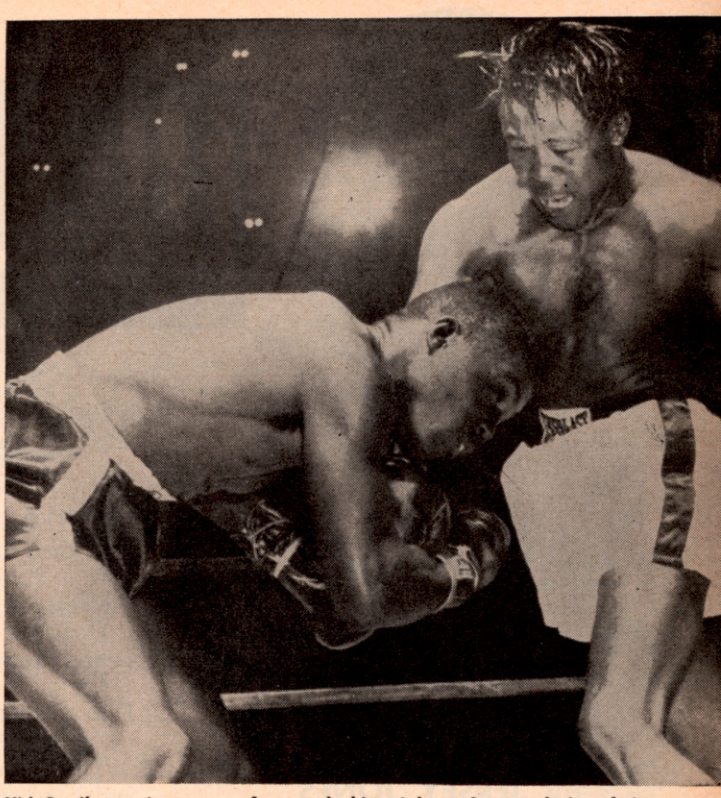
Al Singer, the lightweight champion, was all cheese. He won the title in a round from Sammy Mandell, and lost it the first time he defended it in a round to Tony Canzoneri. He was also knocked out in three by Jimmy McLarnin, and in two by Bat Battalino. By then Singer had been punched full of holes.

In a sense Freddie Welsh was a "hot and cold" champion. A clever boxer, Welsh reached his goal when he won the lightweight title from Willie Ritchie on a single point at the end of 20 rounds in London. From then on Welsh didn't care too much, but when he did get into condition he could fight.

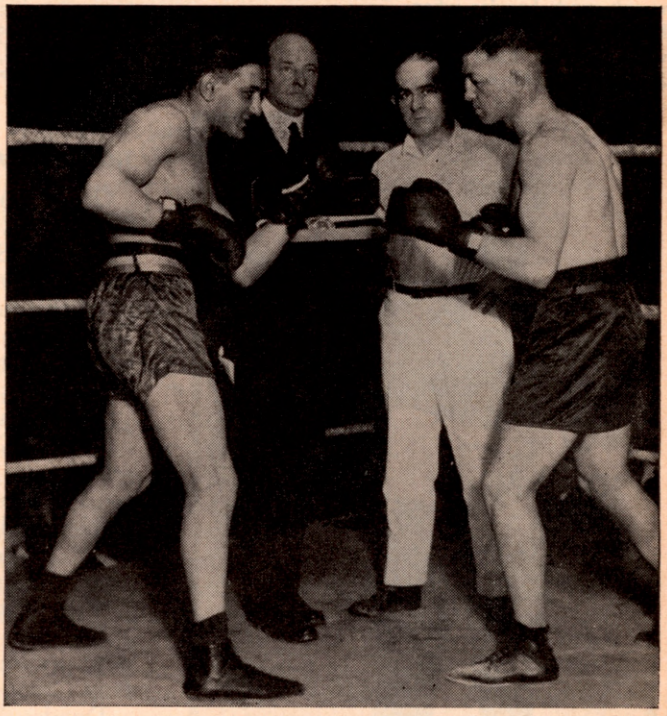
Coming to America he took advantage of the no-decision law, and his record is filled with such no-decision bouts with Ritchie Mitchell, Johnny Kilbane, Ad Wolgast, Battling Nelson, and Benny Leonard. Welsh won two newspaper decisions from Leonard in New York and Brooklyn. He won because he was in good condition. No decision bouts were the rule then.

Welsh defeated the hard-hitting but slow thinking White in 20 rounds at Colorado Springs. A year later he figured on picking up a pay-day boxing Leonard again 10-rounds no decision.

This proved to be a mistake, a bad one on Welsh's part.



Kid Gavilan swings away from a ducking Johnny Saxton during their Philadelphia fight in which Saxton gained the title on a disputed decision. Although he twice held the 147 pound crown, Saxton was known as "Cheese".



Johnny Wilson, Boston southpaw (left) poses with Mike O'Dowd, the St. Paul puncher, before lifting the crown from him in 1920. Wilson could handle Mike with ease even if he could not beat anyone else.

The improving Leonard knocked him out in the ninth round. Then and there a great champion was born, but not without a protest.

Welsh was thoroughly beaten. He was dropped three times in the ninth and the last time was hung over the

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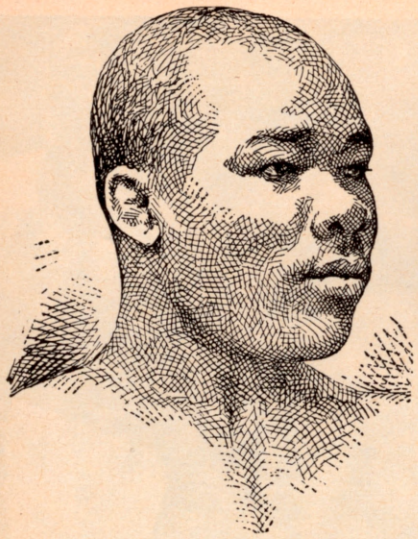


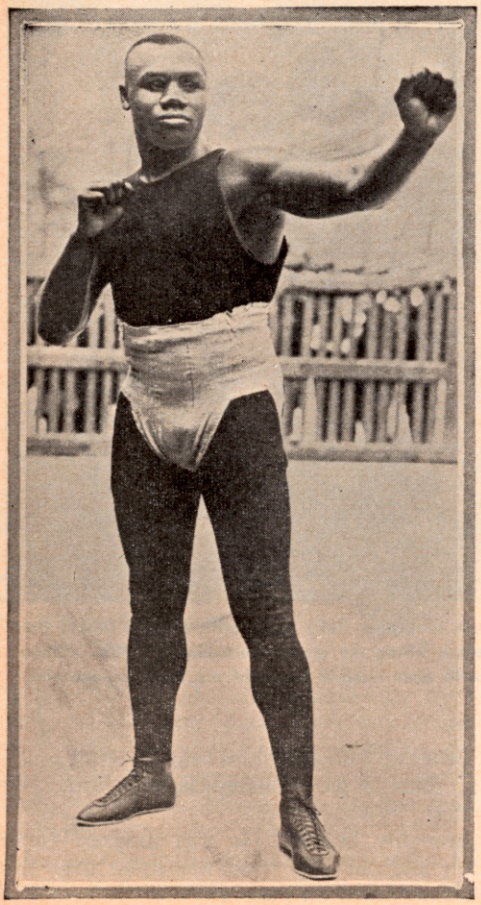
The original Joe Walcott, one of the early champions of the welterweight division. The chunky Walcott, no taller than a featherweight, offset his lack of stature with powerful shoulders and arms.

WELTER BELTERS

Startling Upsets Have Long Featured 147-Pound Activity

By JERSEY JONES

Sam Langford, an all-time great of the ring, was a welterweight when he became a headliner, and he wasn't much heavier when he gave the future heavyweight king, giant Jack Johnson, a stubborn battle.



THERE probably has never been a truer observation of the sock market than that the only thing certain about it is its uncertainty.

Particularly does it apply to the welterweight division which, through the years, seems to have made "upsets" the rule rather than the exception.

Consider just a few of the more notable developments in recent 147-pound operations.

On a barnstorming junket through South America, world champion Don Jordan, never before knocked out, is flattened by a comparative unknown, Federico Thompson, in Buenos Aires.

The spectacular Cuban, Florentino Fernandez, unbeaten in 24 starts and knockout winner in 19 of them, ambles along to Caracas, Venezuela, for what figures to be little more than a brisk workout against a touring Filipino, Rocky Kalingo. Almost with the first punch of the fight, Kalingo blasts Fernandez out of competition.

After establishing himself as the top contender for the world title, Charley Scott of Philadelphia is tumbled from his lofty estate by losing to a promising but unrated Cuban, Benny Paret, in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Surprising though these happenings may be to the general public, veteran observers in the trade regard them as routine developments in a division which long since became accustomed to the unexpected.

THE RYAN AND DUNDEE DISASTERS

One of the most historic "upets" in early welterweight competition was Kid McCoy's knockout of Champion Tommy Ryan in Maspeth, Long Island, in 1896.

Although billed for the title, the bout was supposed to represent nothing more than a needed payday for McCoy and a workout for Ryan.

The Kid had been a sparmate of the champion's and when he pleaded with Ryan that he was desperately in need of money, Tommy agreed to a match with him.

Not taking McCoy seriously, Ryan didn't train as diligently as he should have. McCoy not only was in superb condition, but in their gymnasium sessions the tricky Kid had made a study of Ryan's style, without revealing too much of his own.

The result was a shocking surprise not only to Ryan but to the boxing world. The Kid battered Tommy into defeat and out of the title in fifteen rounds.

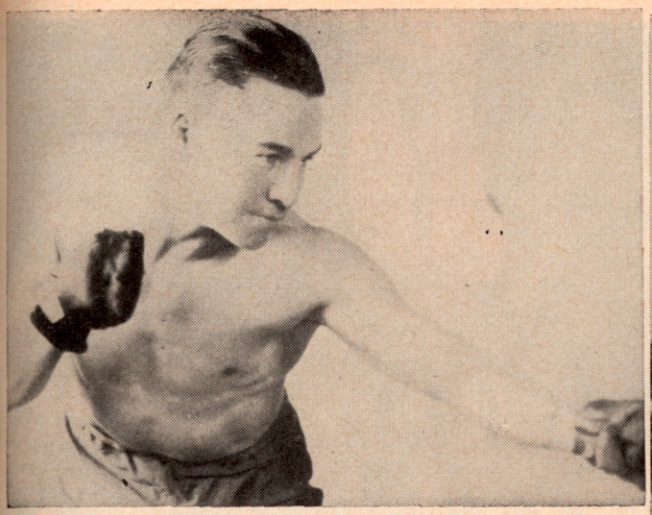
Then, there was Joe Dundee's "vacation" jaunt to California in 1926.

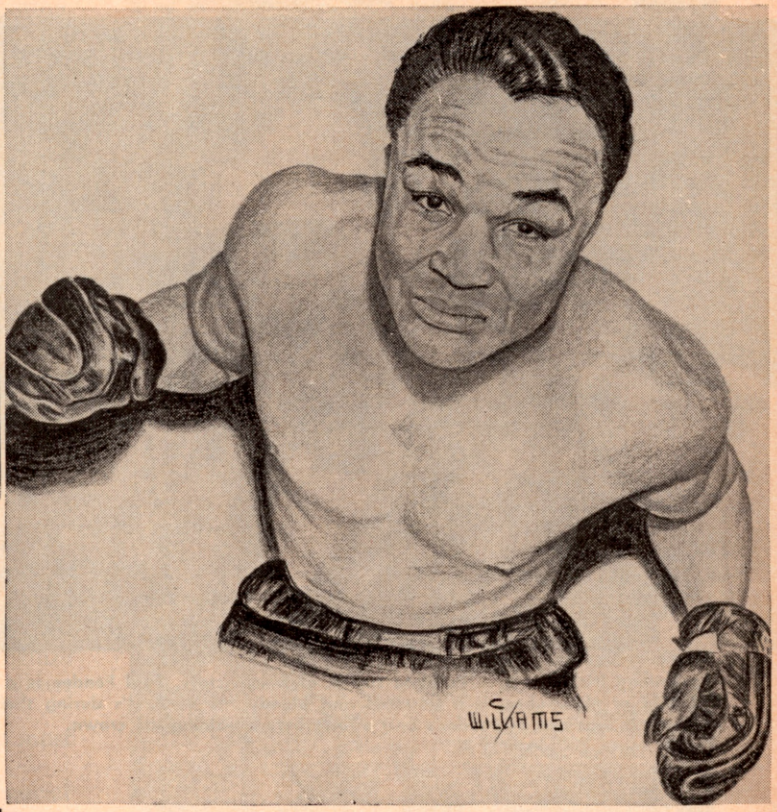
Dundee, out of Baltimore, wasn't champion as yet, but negotiations were pending for him to meet the title-holder, Pete Latzo, in New York's Polo Grounds the following summer.

Dundee had just completed a busy and successful campaign in New York rings to establish himself as Latzo's outstanding challenger. One of the Baltimorean's victories had been a stunning knockout of former champion Mickey Walker in Madison Square Garden.

While details of the title match were being settled, Manager Max Waxman decided that he and Dundee could use a well-deserved holiday, and they headed out to California for a few weeks. While there they thought they'd take a fight to cover expenses and at the same time give Californians a chance to look over the future champion.

Eddie Roberts of Tacoma was picked as Dundee's opponent in San Francisco. Cocky and over-confident, the Baltimorean wasn't prepared for

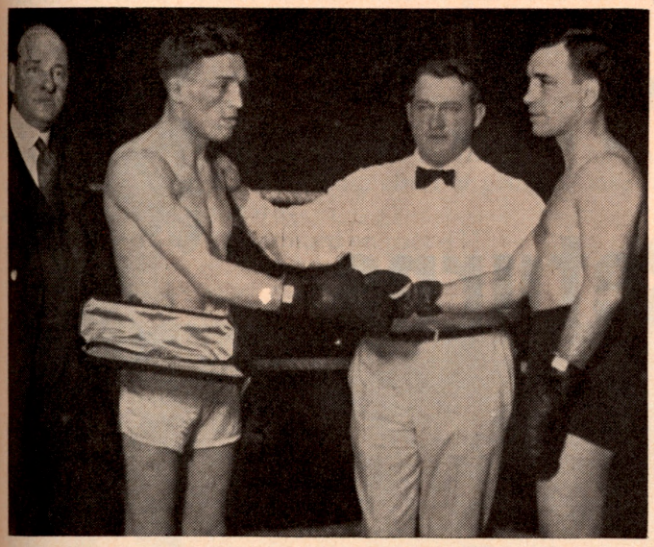




Jimmy McLarnin, who lost to one southpaw, Lou Brouillard, came back a year later to create a sensation by crushing another left-hander, Young Corbett III, in one blazing round to become welterweight champion.

Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, the only fighter in history to hold three world titles at one time, was a victim of tremendous upset when he lost the welterweight crown to Fritzie Zivic.

Ted (Kid) Lewis and Jack Britton, who had merry time passing welterweight title back and forth, square off for their 20th and final meeting. The series ended with Britton the champion.



the blistering assault turned loose by Roberts at the opening bell. In less than one full round, it was three downs and out for Joe.

Fortunately for his title hopes, Dundee was given the chance to erase that ugly smear from his record. The sensational development in San Francisco led to a return match in New York, and this time a more alert and better conditioned Dundee was a winner. He went on from there to beat Latzo for the championship a few months later.

McLARNIN AND CORBETT

Another startling result, this time in a title match, was Jimmy McLarnin's first-round demolition job on Champion Young Corbett III in Los Angeles in 1933.

Although aware of the lethal power in McLarnin's fists, few authorities conceded Jimmy much of a chance of flattening the rugged Corbett, who had beaten some of the lustiest punchers in the division. If McLarnin was to win, it would have to be with speed and cleverness—and there was considerable doubt if Jimmy's speed and cleverness could cope with Corbett's effective southpaw tactics. Only the year before McLarnin had been decisively beaten by another left-hander, Lou Brouillard, in New York.

McLarnin, however, must have learned and profited from his experience with Brouillard. He knew how to fight Corbett. The bout had gone about two minutes when Jimmy suddenly blasted away and Corbett was down three times and helpless when the massacre was halted at 2:37.

What could have been more shocking than Fritzie Zivic winning the championship from Henry Armstrong in Madison Square Garden in 1940 and losing it the following year to Freddie (Red) Cochrane in the Newark baseball park?

DIVISION 80 YEARS OLD

It is just 80 years since the welterweight division came into existence. It started in 1880 to take care of fighters who were too heavy for lightweights and too light for middleweights. The lightweight limit then was 133 pounds and the middleweight 154. The original welterweight mark was 142, raised a few years later to 145 and eventually to its present mark, 147.

Early history of the division is rather vague, but it would seem that the first serious title claimant was a Paddy Duffy of Boston, generally accepted as champion after he'd eliminated a few American rivals and a couple of English and Australian disputants.

The division began to assume real importance during the '90s when such distinguished performers as Mysterious Billy Smith, Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy took turns in ruling the roost.

With the advent of the 20th century, the laurels shifted to Jim (Rube) Ferns, Matty Matthews, the original Joe Walcott, Honey Mellody and Mike (Twin) Sullivan.

At one point Joe Gans, grown into a welterweight, could have claimed the title, but the Old Master felt the lightweight championship was more important, and he weakened himself so much "making" that poundage for his three gruelling battles with Battling Nelson that he became a quick victim of tuberculosis.

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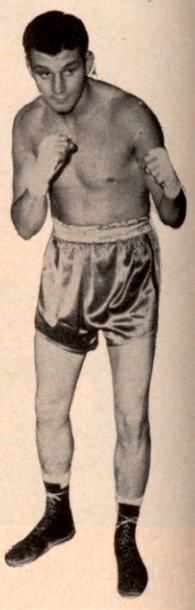
The Smiling Irishman . . . His hand raised aloft in victory, Paul Pender is a very happy lad following his victory over Ray Robinson. (Below), Ted Olla of Milwaukee, is a battered and bloody foe of Paul's during their New York bout of a few years ago in which he won a ten round decision. It was one of Pender's best efforts before gaining the crown.

Paul Pender.... Irish Lore Returns



New Middleweight King Puts Emerald Isle Back In Fistic Spotlight.

By NAT LOUBET

FROM Londonderry to Killarney the sons of the Ould Sod are rubbing their eyes with disbelief. Which leprechaun gave Paul Pender that four leaf clover? It's been long since the wearers of the Green have had a world champ to gladden their hearts.

Time was when the Irish were the undisputed rulers of the boxing world. The immortal John L. Sullivan, along with Nonpareil Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe, controlled three divisions at the same time. That was the Emerald Isle's high tide, although later, during the early 1920s, the sons of Erin contributed as high as 70% of the professionals. All the way up through the 1930s the Irish were a dominant force. The 1940s saw the Green fade with other denominations taking the play away from them.

In recent years there wasn't a son or nephew of Erin listed as a world champion and mighty few rated as serious title contenders.

The invincibility of the Irish, a legend begun by John L, took

a lot of erasing, but by the 1930s, Irish champions were limited to Jim Braddock, Ken Overlin, Billy Conn, Jimmy McLarnin, and Freddie Steele.

Ten years later the number had been further reduced and we find only Freddie (Red) Cochrane and Rinty Monaghan as world title holders and standard bearers for the Irish.

All of which brings us up to the present with the army of "Green" decidedly a meagre one. But a surprising thing happened the other night, almost as fantastic as those wonderful fairy stories that emanate and drift across the sea from County Cork.

A five to one underdog, Paul Pender, an in-and-out New England middleweight club fighter, with the luck of the Irish and displaying far more ability than he had previously exhibited, became the first Irishman since Rinty Monaghan to win a world crown.

In all fairness it must be said that Pender might have looked a lot better a lot sooner if it had not been for the amount of trouble he has had with his hands.

This had led sport authorities to surround him with such nicknames as "Peanut Brittle Hands," "Clay Fists," "Putty Handed," etc.

In eleven years of fighting as a professional these china fingers caused Pender to quit the ring on four occasions. Each time he returned not for the love of boxing but rather as a necessity, a means of making a living and feeding his wife and children.

The crown he won from Sugar Ray Robinson comprises part of the world crown. Europe, New York and Massachusetts recognize Paul while the National Boxing Association stands by Gene Fullmer as the rightful holder of the world middle title.

Sooner or later the two holders of the world championship must meet, as they usually do, to settle the issue.

In the interim, Pender has his share of glory and the financial gain that goes along with his victory. Perhaps not as much as if he were the universally recognized champ but sufficient to make a poor man like Pender very happy.

Pender is a queer mixture; part bitter, part tough, part kind. His first thought after winning the title was for his wife Rose. *"I owe her more than I can repay for all those long hard years,"* he said, *"and before I do anything else I'm going to take her on a vacation . . . Florida maybe."*

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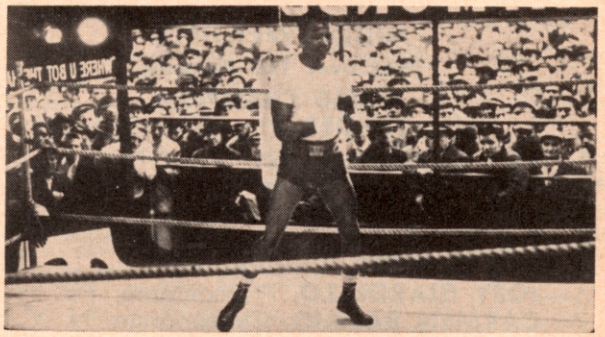
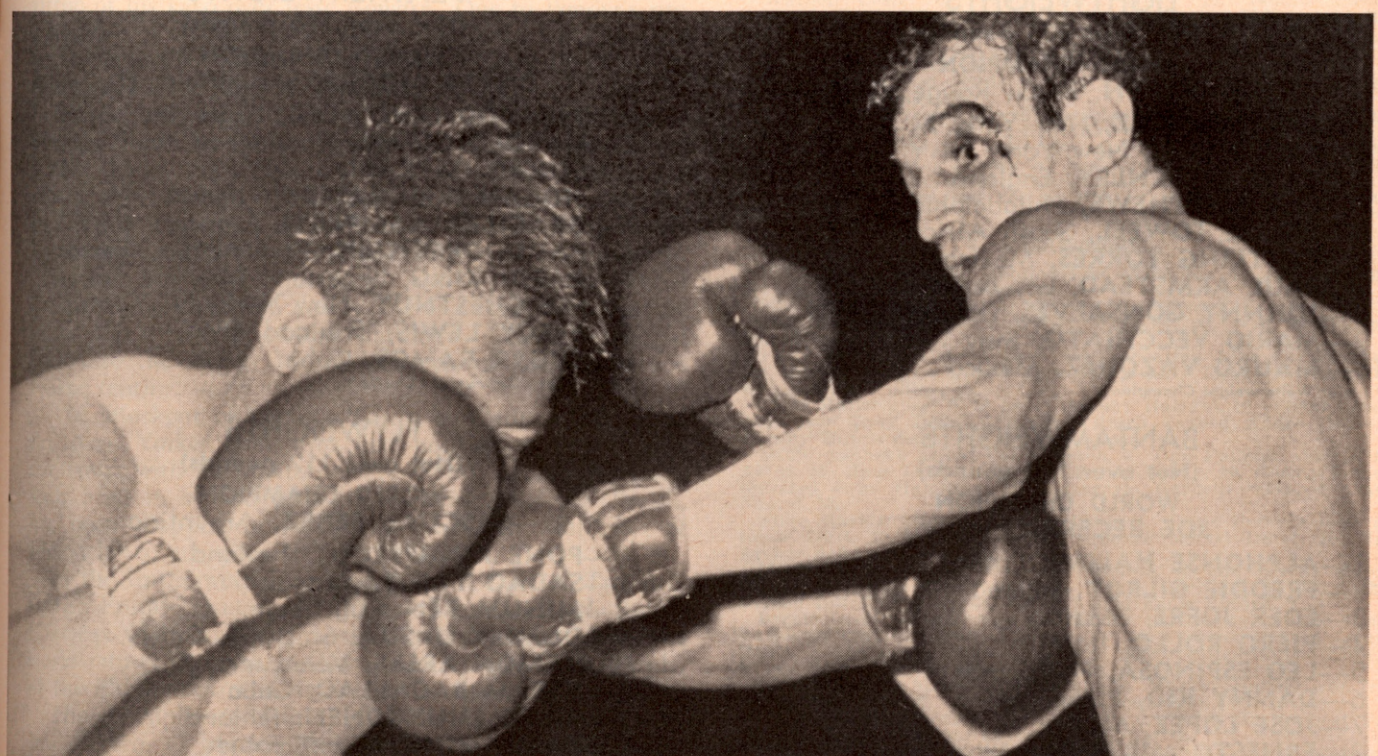
Still looking a bit bewildered, Paul cools himself off during the victory celebration in his dressing room.



Sugar Ray Robinson helping to ballyhoo his fight with Pender trained in the window of a Boston Department store. While this helped the gate it did nothing for Ray's physical condition in the fight.



Paul lands a jarring left to Ray's head in the eleventh round. It was in this heat that the new champion started his stretch drive that carried him to victory.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 23rd

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
INGEMAR JOHANSSON, Sweden

1—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Rockville Centre, N. Y.
3—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**HENRY COOPER,** England
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**BILLY HUNTER,** Detroit, Mich.
7—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
8—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
9—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
4—**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
5—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Chittanango, N. Y.
8—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
9—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.
10—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.

*N.B.A. Middleweight Champion.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

*1—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
2—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
4—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
6—**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
7—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**MARIO VECCHIATO,** Italy
10—**MAURO VAZQUEZ,** Mexico

* Junior Welterweight Champion.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BECERRA, Mexico

1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
2—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
3—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
4—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
5—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
6—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
7—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
8—**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
9—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
10—**HERMAN MARQUES,** Stockton, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
3—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
4—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**SIXTO RODRIGUEZ,** San Anselmo, Calif.
6—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
7—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
8—**GERMINAL BALLARIN,** France
9—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tongo
10—**SANTE AMONTI,** Italy

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
2—**RUDELL STITCH,** Louisville, Ky.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**BENNY PARET,** Cuba
5—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
6—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
9—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
10—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
*2—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
3—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
4—**HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY,** Nigeria
5—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
6—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
7—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
8—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
9—**PERCY LEWIS,** Trinidad, BWI.
10—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba

*N.B.A. Junior Lightweight Champion.

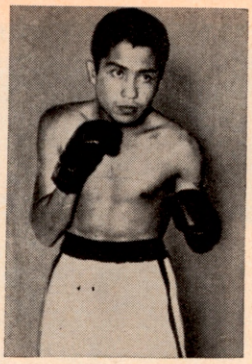
FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
2—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
3—**MINUM BEN ALI,** Spain
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Stockton, Calif.
5—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
6—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
7—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
8—**LARRY PINEDA,** Philippines
9—**NACHO ESCALANTE,** Mexico
10—**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland

Jose Becerra

Fighter of the Month



THE sensational knockout delevired by Jose Becerra, of Mexico, in his defense of his world's bantamweight crown against Alphonse Halimi, the French-Algerian, earned for the Mexican champion the top honors of the month in The Ring's ratings. His great performance far exceeded that of Paul Pender, victor over Ray Robinson in Boston, a bout that gave Pender a hold on the world's middleweight crown.

As a result of Pender's victory there is a double tie for the challenger's post in the middleweight division with Robinson and Gene Fullmer, the West Jordan, Utah, N.B.A. crown wearer, deadlocked. This is the first time since Eddie Machen and Zora Folley were listed as Number One challengers in the heavyweight division, that The Ring has paired contenders.

In the heavyweight division, Zora Folley, victor over Eddie Machen, has again assumed the top post as the Number One challenger with Floyd Patterson rated under him. Eddie Machen has dropped to fifth place.

There was a shakeup in the light heavyweight class due to the draw bouts between Erich Schoppner, of Germany, the European champion and Mike Holt and Germinal Ballarin, of France. Sonny Ray, of Chicago, has been dropped out of the ratings and Johnny Halafihi, of Tonga, who was defeated by middleweight Peter Muller, of Germany, lost his seventh post and was dropped two pegs to ninth. Jesse Bowdry, of St. Louis, is now rated seventh, one below his last ranking, and Chic Calderwood, of Scotland, the newly crowned British title holder, was advanced from ninth to sixth. Although the NBA has taken away the light heavyweight title belonging to Archie Moore, The Ring stands by Archie.

The middleweights have a sensational fighter in Henry Hank, of Detroit, who advanced in to the fourth spot by virtue of his kayo over Jesse Bowdry. Due to Pender's rise, a number of changes have been made in the middleweight ranks in which Spider Webb, Joey Giardello, Carmen Basilio and Dick Tiger all went down one peg.

In the welterweight class there was another shakeup brought about by Benny Paret's second win over Charley Scott. Paret, the Cuban welter, is now listed fourth, one places above Scott. While Ruddell Stitch, of Louisville, and Ralph Dupas, of New Orleans, who defeated Kenny Lane, advanced to the Number 2 and 3 posts respectively.

Johnny Busso, of New York, has been dropped from the lightweight division due to the one round knockout he suffered at the hands of Len Matthews. This also brought back into the ratings Mauro Vazquez, of Mexico, who is ranked tenth.

The knockout of Battling Torres by Carlos Ortiz, lifted the New Yorker back into first position as the leading contender with Paolo Rosi, of New York, exchanging posts with him, in second position. Torres, who was fourth, has been dropped to sixth place and Len Matthews of Philadelphia, advanced to fourth position.

In the featherweight division, Percy Lewis, of Trinidad, British Empire champion, who upset European title holder Gracieux Lamperti, of France, has been returned to the world ratings in ninth position. He replaces Flash Elorde, of the Philippines, who no longer can make the weight.

Though Alphonse Halimi, of France, was knocked out by Jose Becerri, of Mexico, the fact that the Frenchman had a good lead throughout the fight enabled him to retain the top challenger's post with Freddie Gilroy, of Ireland, his nearest competitor.

Pone Kingpatch, of Thailand, who, in his latest tune-up fight for his world championship match with Pascual Perez knocked out Baby Ross, of Manila in the fourth round, has replaced Sadao Yaoita, of Japan, as the leading contender. Minum Ben Ali, of Spain, victor over Ramon Arias, of Venezuela, exchanged posts with the latter, the Spaniard advancing to third position and the Venezuelan to 5th.

Joe Medel, of Mexico, no longer a flyweight, has been eliminated. Nacho Escalante, of Mexico, a veteran, who last year twice defeated Dommy Ursua of California, and who now has returned as a flyweight boxer, has replaced Medel in ninth post.

The month's results follow:

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Joe Louis Adams, Rock Hill, N. C.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Mel Fulgham, Wheeling, W. Va.
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Duane Horsman, Chatfield, Minn.
WELTERWEIGHTS—George Green, Long Beach, Calif.
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Ray Schlamp, New York, N. Y.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Cruz Arvelo, Venezuela
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Charlie Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.
FLYWEIGHTS—Eligio Pontiles, Panama

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Pete Rademacher halted Ulli Nitzchke, 7. Ulli had kayoed Ilkka Koski, 2.

Robert Cleroux outfought Willi Besmanoff, 10. Jim McCarter decisioned Duke Sabedong, 10.

Joe Thomas lost to light heavy Freddie Blades, 10. Robert Duquesne stopped Max Brianto, 5. Floyd Joyner beat Joe Sullivan, 6, and Alvin Williams, 10.

Ossi Buettner stopped Jimmy Slade, 2. Jimmy O'Connell defeated Tunny Hunsaker, 10. Tunny also lost to Johnny Jenkins, 6. Tony Alongi kayoed Jim Tillman, 5. Joe Hemphill defeated Henry Hall, 6.

Ken Kelly beat Mike Curry, 6. Dean Bogany whipped Andy Isaacs, 6; Andy stopped Johnny Hollins, 3, and beat Billy Fields, 6. Oscar Fields halted Charley Lopes, 4.

Tony Hughes kayoed Earl Mack, 1. Tod Herring defeated Willie Morris, 6. Rey Lopez kayoed Tommy Sims, 4. Clarence Williams halted Andy Isaacs, 5. Oliver Wilson kayoed John Byrd, 5. J. C. Huggins won from Lolo Lozano, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Erich Schoppner was held to draws by Germinal Ballarin, 10, and Mike Holt, 10.

Von Clay halted Art Miller, 7.

Johnny Halafihi was upset by middleweight Peter Muller, 10. Willie Pastrano outscored Jerry Luedee, 10.

Chic Calderwood won British title stopping Arthur Howard, 13. Jesse Bowdry was kayoed by middleweight Henry Hank, 6.

Warnell Lester outpointed Ernie Knox, 10. Donnie Fleeman stopped Charley Pavlis, 4. Billy Ryan lost to middleweight Rory Calhoun, 10. Bobby Gordon bested Bobby Stininato, 10.

Jimmy Slade was kayoed by heavyweight Osse Buttner, 2, but stopped Erwin Hack, 6. Joe DeNucci defeated Johnny Otto, 10; Johnny had kayoed Willie Pollard, 1. Freddie Blades beat heavyweight Joe Thomas, 10.

Paul Roux defeated Rocco Mazzola, 10. Alvin Williams lost to heavy Floyd Joyner, 10. Helmut Ball beat Lou Perry, 8.

Jimmy Welch stopped Henry Bronko, 6. Tommy Sims beat Harold Redman, 6, but was kayoed by heavyweight Rey Lopez, 4. Willie Morris lost to heavyweight Tod Herring, 6.

Sammy Jordan kayoed Tommy Pitts, 4. Alex Buxton and Gunter Hase drew, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Paul Pender won the Middleweight Champion by gaining a split decision over Ray Robinson, 15.

Henry Hank kayoed light heavy Jesse Bowdry, 6.

Joey Giambra outscored Woody Winslow, 10. Wilf Greaves outscored Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10.

Farid Salim won the Argentina title beating Juan Carlos Duran, 12. Rory Calhoun whipped light heavy Billy Ryan, 10. Paul Diaz whipped Mel Collins, 10.

Peter Muller upset light heavy Johnny Halafihi, 10. Victor Zalazar won over Tony Dupas, 10. Max Resch kayoed Andre Drille, 5. Johnny Morris defeated Jimmy Beecham, 12.

Eddie Andrews halted Cal Houston, 4. Don Fullmer upset Virgil Akins, 10. Jose Torres outscored Randy Sandy, 10. Gomeo Brennan defeated Gene Hamilton, 10. Giancarlo Garbelli whipped Claude Negrel, 10.

Allan Harman stopped Bobby Lane, 8. Cesar Pereyra beat Antonio Nigri, 10. Phil Edwards outboxed Michel Diouf, 10. Joey Archer defeated Babe Vance, 8.

Ubaldo Sacco kayoed Gregorio Samora, 8, and bested Marcelo Decoud, 10. Eloy Vann won from Bennie Davidson, 8. Bill Pickett kayoed Bill Tate, 2. Jesse Smith halted Ernie Buford, 2.

Bernie Lynn upset George Maddox, 10, but lost to Obdulio Nunez, 8. George Chimenti beat Al Milone, 8. Marcel Pigou kayoed Jacques Belon, 1, and Louis Trochon, 1. Otto Smith halted Milton Epps, 5. Rocky Rivero kayoed Sixto Tiselli, 3.

Richie Glennon kayoed Joe Carrano, 6. Murphy Holmes won from William Andradi, 6. Jimmy Flood kayoed Gina Porter, 1.

Guido Piccone defeated Larry Kelly, 6. Leroy Sayles beat Paul Machen, 6. Dick Young kayoed Ike White, 6.

Vogal Reckly stopped Elton Taylor, 7. Jimmy McCoy won over Willie Jennings, 6. Al Avant defeated Al Raymond, 6.

Alf Grant won from Bobo Bonaparte, 6. Lino Rendon beat Al

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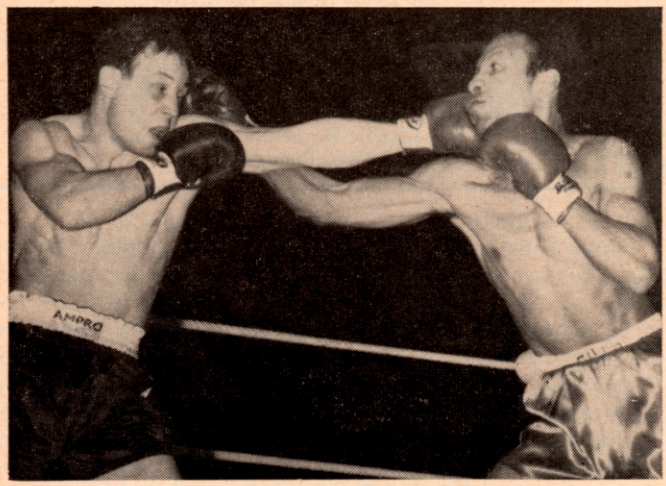
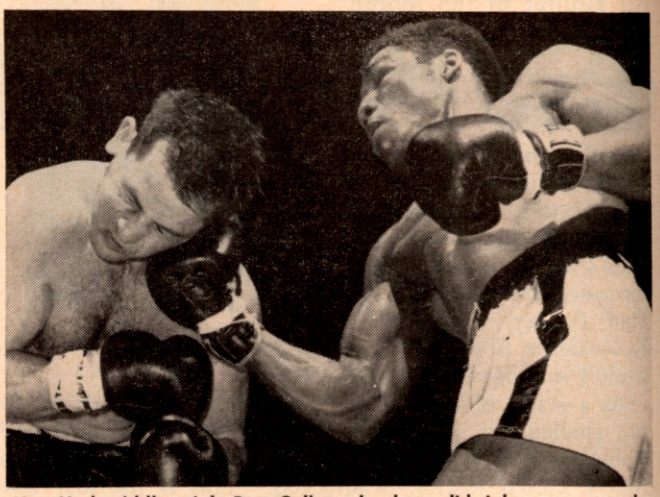


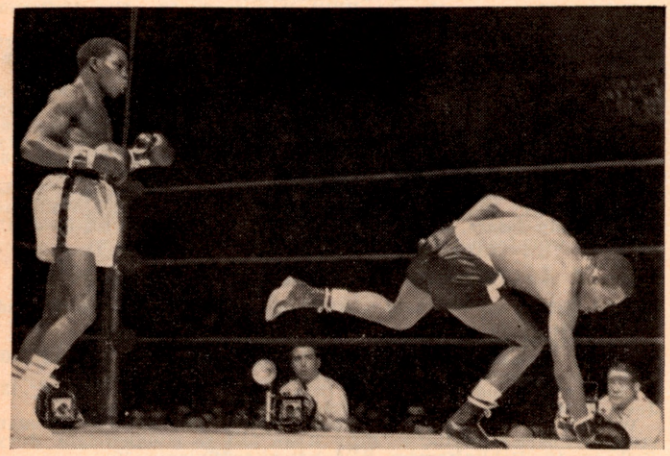
British Empire champion Percy Lewis of Trinidad, southpawed his way to a twelve round decision over European titleholder Gracieux Lamperti of France, in their London bout. Lewis' southpaw stance was too much for the Frenchman although he did land some lefts as in the above photo. Lewis is now hoping for a shot at Davey Moore's featherweight title.

RIGHT ON TARGET!!!



New York middleweight Rory Calhoun lands a solid right uppercut to the face of Boston's light heavy, Irish Billy Ryan, during their ten rounder at Madison Square Garden. Rory was too shifty for his hard hitting foe and gained a one sided ten round verdict in a slow moving bout.

TOUCHDOWN!!!



Philadelphian Charley Scott's right glove touches the canvas after being spun off balance by a right from Cuba's Benny Paret during their torrid welter ten rounder in Madison Square Garden. This flash knockdown in the fifth round provided Paret with his second straight upset win over Scott.

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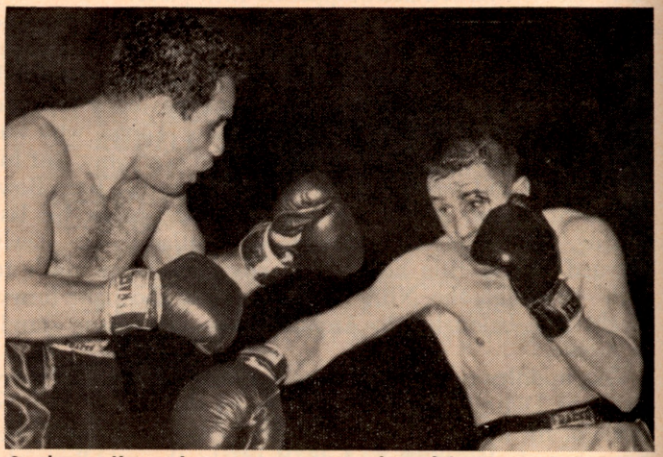
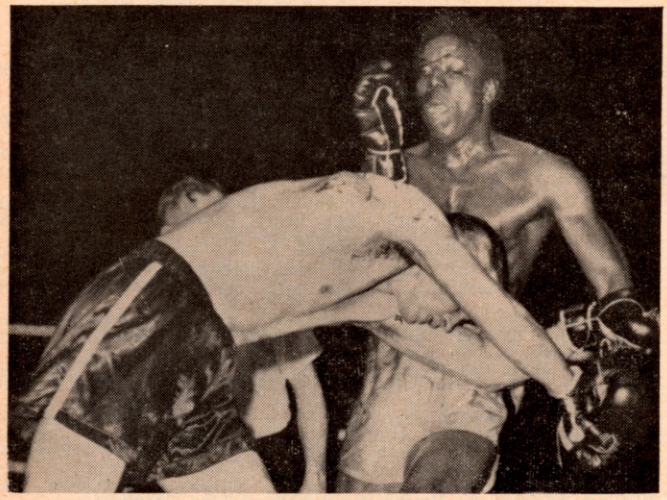


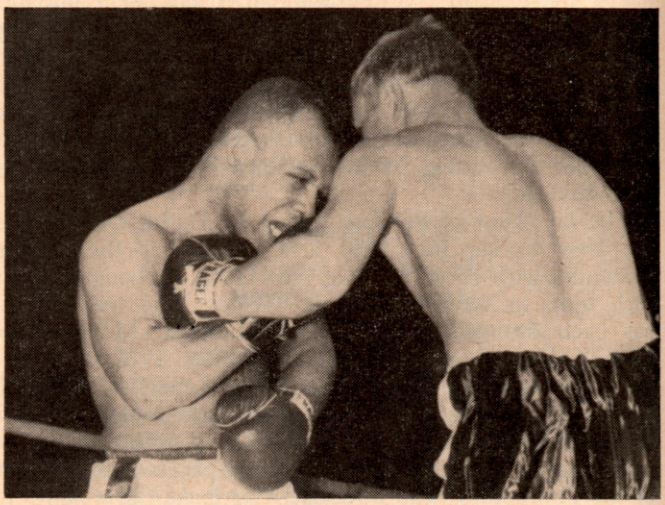
Southpaw Kenny Lane, paws at speedy Ralph Dupas during their welterweight bout in Mobile, Alabama. Dupas gained the nod in the rubber meeting between these two crafty boxers in a well fought contest that saw a deep cut over Lane's left eye handicap him.

IS AKINS ALL DON IN? . .



Former welterweight champion Virgil Akins, showing a bad gash over his right eye is pushed back by young Don Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah middleweight, who gave him a sound drubbing while winning a ten round decision in Akins' home town of St. Louis. It was a big win for Gene's kid brother.

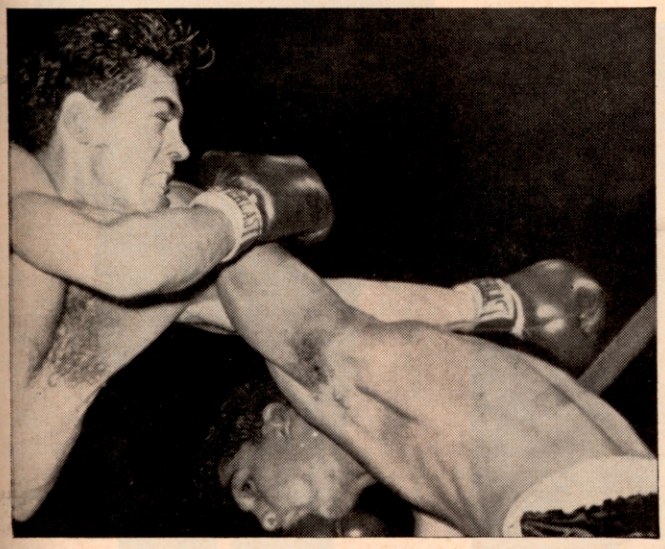
TAME TIGER!!!



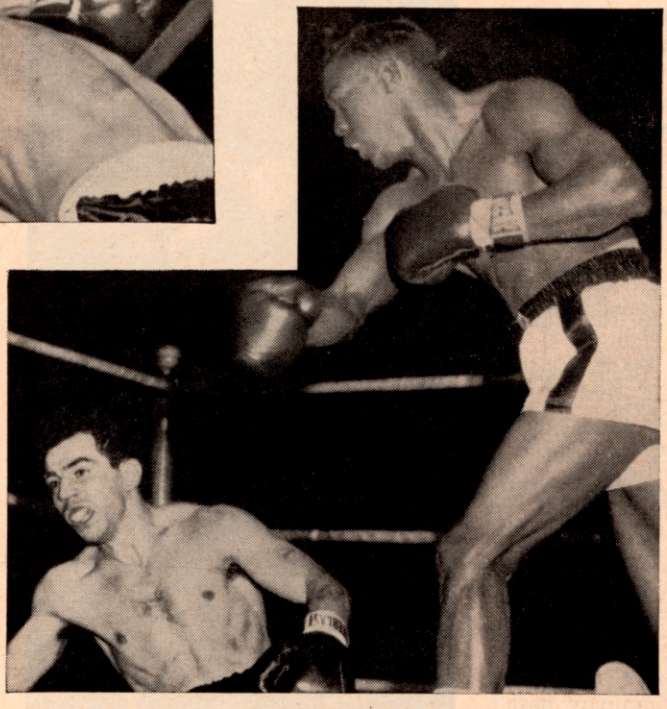
Veteran Ralph (Tiger) Jones, was just a pussy-cat as he lost a unanimous ten round decision to Wilf Greaves, Canadian middleweight champion, in their Chicago meeting. The victory gave Wilf revenge for a previous loss to Jones suffered a few years ago.

THE MONTH IN ACTION

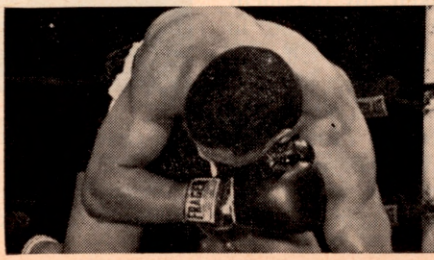
New Orleans' middleweight Tony Dupas has his face distorted by a wicked right from Argentine's Victor Zalazar during their fight in New York's Academy of Music. Dupas making his New York debut was unable to cope with his heavy fisted opponent and lost the unanimous verdict.



One of the few lefts thrown by Miami's Willie Pastrano (right) that misses its mark in his return to the light heavyweight class with an easy ten round win over Jerry Luedee of New Haven. Willie was the fancy boxer of old as he danced and jabbed his way to victory.



New Yorker Johnny Busso hits the deck in the first round following a one-two combination received from Philadelphian Len Matthews during their Philadelphia bout that ended moments later with Len a kayo victor. Matthews is now after Joe Brown and the lightweight crown.



First down and two to go. St. Louis 175 pounder, Jesse Bowdry, is down in the third round under the blows of Hammerin' Henry Hank, Detroit middleweight. Hank decked Jesse twice more and stopped him in the sixth round after dishing out a wicked beating to him.

THE RING DETECTIVE

By DAN DANIEL

WOLGAST KO'd WELSH, LOST ON A FOUL!

Real story of Denver fight in 1916, reveals some interesting by-play on part of Welsh's cornerman

CASTING doubt on the legitimacy of fights which involved boxers no longer living would appear to be unfair. They are not in a position to defend themselves. However, seldom does a fighter whose bona fides comes under sharp scrutiny dash to the fore with demurrers.

As a Bowery politician in New York —Big Tim Sullivan, to be precise— once said when he was asked why he had not sued a newspaper for libel, *"Why go to court? They might prove it on you."*

The history of what, in the argot of the professional ring, is called a "barney", a "dive" or a "tank performance", is voluminous. True, the ratio of such occurrences compared with the number of absolutely honest contests is indeed small. But we have had some rare "barneys", and they sometimes have been seen in the highest places.

Why the "barney?" Well, there is, for one, financial expediency .

The star is told, *"We are trying to build up Joe Blow. We will give you all the dough if you hit the deck against him in the sixth round."*

So, purses not being any too fat or too frequent, Our Hero is knocked out by a missed hook, and a couple of months later shows up none the worse for wear, still a drawing card.

There also is the matter of lack of condition. Your ring luminary hasn't trained. He has taken his opponent too lightly. Or there is a deal. So, in the eighth round, finding himself running out of gas, our star belts his man low, and how he shrieks when the referee calls him beaten on a foul!

We also have had situations which reeked of the sellout. Age or the law, or circumstances have caught up with the champion, so he decides to take so much for the title, and that's that.

Very often the "barney" is intended to build up a demand for a return fight. You would be amazed at the number of second meetings which developed out of illegitimate first fights.

Feddy Welsh, (left) holder of the lightweight title which he had won from Willie Ritchie, was participant in highly unusual contest with ex-champion Ad Wolgast (above) on July 4, 1916 at Denver, Colorado.

HONEST FIGHTS OFTEN LISTED AS "BARNEYS"

Let me say this, too. Your boxing expert is wary and suspicious. He was born that way, and there's nothing he can do about it.

Also, he feels that it is up to him to prove himself a real expert. So he will

cast unmerited aspersions on a fight in which both men tried their hardest, but could not impress the reporters.

Most of these bad looking fights are the products of poor matchmaking. Very often what is the perfect card for the gate turns out to be a mismatch. The contestants' styles fail to dovetail into a good fight.

So you will find the history of the "barney" peppered with references to matches which actually were bona fide, if high on the list of the game's leading stinkeroos.

To accuse a fighter of faking is libel, and libel damages, especially in England, sometimes run very heavy. So your accuser has to be fairly sure of his ground, or he feels that his "victim" is highly vulnerable, if not altogether on the current count, then in the past.

Still, the number of court actions brought by accused boxers has been exceedingly low.

Nowadays a fight very rarely will end in a foul. For this we may credit the Commission form of ring regulation, honest referees and judges, and sharp eyes in the press rows.

Years ago, the foul was only too frequently met up with in the history of a fighter, even so good a battler as the late Ad Wolgast, who was the lightweight champion from February 22, 1910, when he knocked out Battling Nelson in 40 rounds at Port Richmond, Cal., until November 28, 1912, when Adolph was the loser on a foul in the sixteenth round, to Willie Ritchie at Daly City, Cal.

On July 7, 1914, in London, Ritchie lost the championship to Freddy Welsh in a snappy twenty round fight.

Three years later, on May 28, 1917, in New York, Welsh was dethroned by Benny Leonard, who stopped the ill-conditioned Welshman in the ninth.

WOLGAST'S "LOST ON FOUL" COMES IN FOR SCRUTINY

While Welsh held the title, he figured in three fights with Wolgast.

On November 2, 1914, Welsh stopped Wolgast in the eighth round in the old Garden in New York.

On March 6, 1916, in Milwaukee, they went ten rounds in one of those no-decision affairs.

On July 4, 1916, in Denver, Wolgast lost to Welsh on a foul in the eleventh round.

I saw the Garden fight in 1914, and I did not like its look in so far as Wolgast was concerned. He said he broke a bone in his arm.

I could not figure how Welsh could stop Ad in a little more than 22 minutes of action, and I had a lot of company. I still don't care for that affair, and let me make it emphatic that I am entering no accusation against Welsh. It wasn't long before Wolgast was fighting Cy Smith in Columbus.

The ten rounder in Milwaukee was one of those no-decision affairs in which the title could change hands only if Wolgast stopped the Welshman.

The Denver fight produced one of the four defeats on a foul which stand against Wolgast. Why so many wind-up's of that kind? Did this third and final effort against Welsh give Adolph a really black eye, or was he strictly on the up and up?

Wolgast first figured in a foul fight back in 1907, but he won that scrap, beating Buddy Glover in six rounds in Milwaukee.

Wolgast's defeats on fouls will be found in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, as follows:—

July 4, 1916. Freddy Welsh, Denver. 11 rounds.

June 13, 1916. Frankie Russell, St. Louis. 4 rounds.

September 27, 1915. Bobby Waugh, Shreveport. 4 rounds.

November 28, 1912. Willie Ritchie, Daly City, Cal. 16 rounds.

Why so many fouls? Lest we become too suspicious, we must remember that Wolgast was what we might call an undisciplined fighter. He was one of the most rough and tumble hombres who yet has held the lightweight championship. Or any other title, for that matter.

Nevertheless, the Russell and Waugh results defy explanation at this distance from the scenes of action.

Actually, Wolgast's career ended in 1916. He was subject to fits of loss of memory and these were ascribed to head beatings suffered in the ring.

In 1920, Ad was dragged, pitilessly, out of retirement to meet one Lee Morrissey in San Bernardino, Cal. It is called a 4 round draw in the book. From that Wolgast went into oblivion, soon into a sanitarium, there to remain until the end of his days, in December 1959.

DENVER FIGHT STORY REVEALS INCREDIBLE FACTS

The third meeting of Welsh and Wolgast, in Denver, led the Ring Detective into an investigation which brought out one of the most fantastic stories in the history of boxing. For that we are beholden to Charley Rose, who trained and handled Freddy.

Drawn into the story of the fight by the fact that Wolgast's "loss on foul" invited suspicion, the Detective discovered that Ad really was clean and that he had been the victim of a chunk of skullduggery by the crafty Rose. Let Charley tell about it.

"On July 4, 1916, when Welsh met Wolgast in Denver, Freddy was what you might call an old 30," Rose reminisced.

"In March, Freddy met Benny Leonard in New York and in April he fought Richie Mitchell, in Milwaukee.

"Well, Otto Floto, the circus man from Denver, came along with an offer of a match in that city, in the Stockyards arena.

"Freddy was not in the best of shape for that fight. But he felt he could handle Wolgast, could outbox him.

"Things did not go too well for us. In the third round Wolgast drove a hard right to the body and Freddy was in serious trouble.

"I hollered, 'Foul, get a doctor. Welsh is badly hurt.'

"Believe me, Welsh was more than badly hurt. He had been knocked out. I jumped into the ring and bent low over Welsh. I tried hard to dent his cup with a thumb, but couldn't make much of an impression.

"A doctor jumped into the arena, examined Welsh and the cup and shouted, 'I can see no evidence of a foul.'

"I refused to accept the doctor's findings, and insisted that we were entitled to have another croaker take a look.

"They were looking around for this second doctor when I got busy again. I wore a tie pin which have been given to me by the famous Diamond Jim Brady. I ripped my thumb with this pin and smeared the blood liberally over Freddy, below the belt.

"The new doctor hopped into the ring, took one fast look at the blood and shouted, 'There is no doubt about it. Welsh has been fouled and injured badly. I must insist that if he is to continue fighting, he be permitted to rest a while, or I refuse to answer for the consequences.'"

WOLGAST AND MANAGER BLEW GREAT CHANCE

Rose chuckled, *"Oh, the things they used to do in them days. Wolgast was managed by Lou Lichtenstein, who had a reputation for being a smart man. But he wasn't smart that night.*

"When the first doctor said he had found no signs of a foul, Lou should have removed Wolgast from the ring and claimed the fight. Just like Firpo and his handlers pulled that rock when he knocked Dempsey out of the ring.

"But Lou remained in the ring with Wolgast to argue the point.

"Finally it was decided to accept the foul verdict of the second saw bones. but to go on with the fight. Welsh rested 19 minutes, by the clock. When they resumed fighting he was over his knockout experience.

"But I didn't like Freddy's looks. I was full of 'righteous indignation' and kept screaming what a dirty shame it was that Welsh, having been fouled to the point of bloody injury, should

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THE YEARLINGS

By JOHNNY SALAK

A YEARLING is a novice, and four young novices or yearlings who are about to start on their second year as professional fighters are middleweights Stanley Garcia of Oakland, Calif. Sammy Jordan of Union City, N. J.; welterweight Joey Durelle of Baie Ste. Anne, Canada and lightweight Johnny Bizzarro of Erie, Pa.

Bizzarro, has been the most active. He rolled up a total of eighteen fights in his first year as a pro. In Johnny's first fight, he dropped a four round decision to Carmie Price, undefeated former national Golden Gloves king. Since then, Bizzarro has not tasted defeat, turning in fourteen knockouts in a winning streak of eighteen. A potent little buzz-saw, he has halted ten of his foes in the first two rounds.

Bizzarro was born in Marcianesa, Italy, on October 19, 1938, of American born parents, Jenny and Joe Bizzarro, who had traveled to Italy and due to the outbreak of the war, were unable to return to the States until Johnny was ten years old. One of ten children, he has six brothers and three sisters. Two brothers, Ralph, older, and Paul, boxed as amateurs.

A personable youngster, he had his own fan club as an amateur made up of twenty young girls who came to all of his fights with posters, signs and noisemakers and rooted for their hero. Bizzarro's amateur career started as a flyweight when he was sixteen. He captured that championship in the Erie Golden Gloves and went on a year later to take the Erie featherweight crown. As a simon-pure he won twenty-six of twenty-nine contests.

A walk-in slugger whose idol is Rocky Marciano, Johnny has caused a re-birth of boxing in Erie where he has developed into an outstanding gate attraction.

Coming from the same neighborhood that produced the great Joe Jeannette fifty years ago, rangy Sammy Jordan is a lad who has shown in his brief seven bout pro career signs that have brightened the eyes of boxing bugs. A potent puncher, he has the sock to turn defeat into victory. He has helped to bring about a re-birth of fistic interest in a once booming fight town, Union City.

Sammy, born January 30, 1935 in Atlanta, Georgia, was raised on a farm in Forsyth, Georgia. One of eight children, he was the first of the four boys to show an interest in boxing. His brothers Joe and Johnny are amateurs.

Sammy got started at the age of eleven in the YMCA and launched his amateur career while still a student in Hubbard High School. He represented the Butler Street "Y", the same club that started Rory Calhoun on the road to fistic prominence.

Jordan won all of his fifteen amateur fights, mostly by knockouts, but had to gain the approval of his father before he was able to make a career of the gloved sport.

Sammy is named after his grandfather who was born in slavery over one hundred year ago. Jordan, who was a top basketball player in high school, moved to New Jersey a few years ago and is looking forward to bringing his family here in the near future.

He is employed as a mechanic in a Jersey City garage and is hopeful of earning enough money from his ring career to buy his own garage after his fighting days are over.

Sammy has been to the wars seven times and won all his bouts, racking up four kayos. He holds a win over ex-

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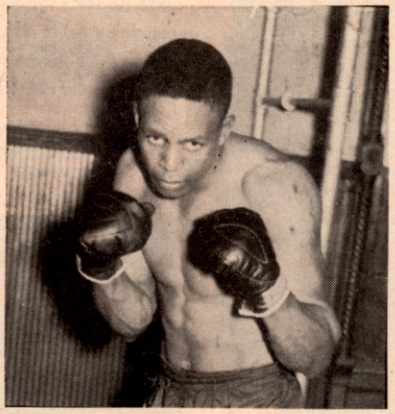
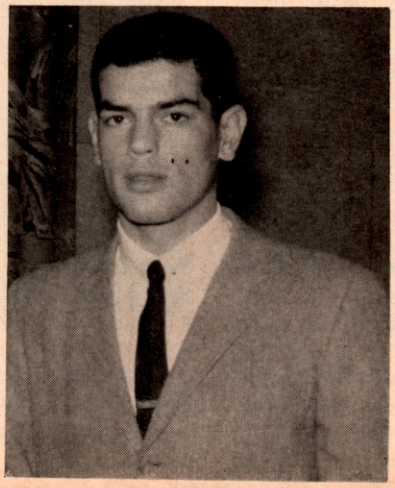
Johnny Bizzarro, Italian born Erie, Pennsylvania lightweight, who has not lost in his last eighteen fights, scoring fourteen knockouts.



Hard hitting Sammy Jordan, Union City, New Jersey light heavyweight, who is undefeated in seven fights, scoring four knockouts.

Joey Durelle, young cousin of Yvon, a two-fisted welterweight scrapper, who has won all of his six bouts, half via the knockout route. Joey is from Baie Ste Anne, Canada.



Stan Garcia, unbeaten middleweight from Oakland, California. Stan, a good boxer, has a winning skein of twelve straight.

FLORIDA SPORTS FESTIVAL

Rocky Marciano, Ex-Heavyweight Champ Talks Shop With Ingemar Johansson, Present Title Holder

By NAT FLEISCHER

NEVER has there been a boxer who garnered so many trophies for one outstanding feat—the knockout of Floyd Patterson to win the world heavyweight title—as has Ingemar Johansson. During the month of January, the Big Swede, was feted in many parts of our country and, at each banquet, he carried away an award.

In three weeks he attended fourteen banquets and was the recipient of as many trophies, the most costly being the Hickok Diamond studded award as the outstanding athlete of 1959.

The boyish looking, hard socking Swede, has come to realize the tremendous value of the title he possesses. Ingemar has found America the Land of Milk and Honey. Never did he dream he would be the possessor of such wealth. He has become an international attraction who, without the use of his lethal weapons, with only his dimples, his smile and his charm, has piled up a fortune. Dempsey, Tunney, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano, his predecessors, never had it so good during the early part of their reigns.

I spent considerable time with him in Hollywood at the Florida Sports Festival and was amazed at the attention paid the champion, the manner in which he conducted himself in the midst of large gatherings and the ease and self confidence that none of his predecessors possessed until late in their fighting career.

What is behind Ingemar's tremendous success? What makes him click? What has he that despite his idleness in the ring, enables him to retain the public's confidence in him and keeps the pot boiling for the lanky handsome Swede?

A potent right hand clout started him on the road to fame and fortune. His handsome, dimpled, boyish face, with its beguiling smile, his affability and his business acumen have accomplished the rest.

He doesn't need a Jack Kearns as did Dempsey, nor an Al Weill, to guide him. He can probably teach them a few tricks in the money making field.

Though he has a shrewd advisor in Edwin Ahlquist, Ingemar is his own boss. He has the last say and his financial success is the result of his personal manoeuvering. Even should he not fight again this year, his gross income will exceed what he earned in 1959.

For every public appearance, he received a handsome fee. The demands upon him are so great that he finds little time for relaxation.

Jim Norris, Chicago boxing impressario, was watching Ingemar and Rocky Marciano play a nine holes match at the Diplomat Country Club golf course in Hollywood and when the match was over with Rocky a winner by four strokes, Norris laughingly remarked to Marciano:

"Why you're in better shape than he is Rock. Looks like you'd still be a good opponent for him."

To which Jack Kearns, manager of Archie Moore, standing by Norris' side, added: *"You oughta challenge him for the title Rocky."*

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Highlight of the Sports Festival was the banquet and awards ceremony at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida, at which leading sports figures received awards. Ingemar Johansson holding huge Trophy is flanked by sports celebrities. Rocky Marciano, former champ, Billy Cannon, All-American footballer, Sam Snead, Patty Berg, Bill Talbert, Vic Seixas, Don Budge, Fred Perry, Jack "Doc" Kearns, Dennis James, and Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, among others are posing with the boxing champ.

Harold Johnson—

THAT OLD RUN AROUND

By TED CARROLL

IT has been observed that Philadelphia's Harold Johnson, with his shaved head, "sculpture-model" muscular development, and stand up "classic" boxing style is a throwback to the pugilistic stereotype of long ago. The similarity goes even further since the tawny skinned veteran also falls into the "perennial challenger" category of those distant days.

Before the time of rating lists such as the "Ring's" it was the fashion for many old time champs to simply "file and forget" their most dangerous opposition. In this respect this era has it all over the "good old days" where title opportunities are concerned.

No better example of what old time contenders had to contend with can be found than the case of Johnny Dundee, who on April 2, 1913 boxed a draw with featherweight titleholder Johnny Kilbane, and for the next ten years had to be satisfied with the empty honor of being the leading contender. Dundee's cause was so dismal that during this long period, he did the major part of his battling in the lightweight division. Sympathetic parties finally thought up a synthetic title, the junior lightweight crown at 130 pounds for his special benefit. Dundee ran into unexpected trouble even here needing a disputed "Foul" call to win it against hard hitting George K. O. Chaney in old Madison Square Garden on Nov. 18, 1921.

It wasn't until July 26, 1923, that old John, now in his final stages, caught up with war worn Frenchman Eugene Criqui, to whom the venerable Kilbane had succumbed just one month previous. Dundee probably holds the record for long time occupancy of the No. 1 contender spot, but he at least was finally crowned champion of the class. Not so with old Harry Wills who, on the very same day that Jack Dempsey won the title from Jess Willard on July 4, 1919, decisioned fading Sam Langford, himself a futile pursuer of Jack Johnson for many years. Few disputed Wills' position as the most formidable threat to the Manassa Mauler from 1919 to 1925, but he had to settle for a niche in ring history as the man who never got his chance.

Within a year after Benny Leonard won the lightweight title from Freddy Welsh in 1917, Lefty Lew Tendler, a fellow townsman of Johnson's, had demonstrated that he was the most capable of the remaining lightweights. This was conceded for years but it wasn't until 1922 that Lew and Benny finally got together in a ring, and this was a "no-decision" affair in Jersey City. Lew did pretty well in that one, but with the title on target in a decision contest in New York a year later, Benny Leonard, a ring diagnostician, had all the answers to the southpaw problem and convincingly demonstrated that No. 1 contender and not world's champion, was Lew's proper rating.

The delay faced by Tendler's was not the champion's doing.

Leonard was one of the proudest of champions and even after retiring he would show annoyance at any comparison between himself and such subsequent Jewish idols as Sid Terris and Barney Ross. He was always ready and willing to meet Tendler or anybody else, so cocksure was he of his superlative skill and potent punch. But the Tendler backers shared Leonard's opinion of his own prowess, and they were perfectly satisfied for Lew to go along in Leonard's shadow so long as he continued to pack-'em-in in Philly, as the home town hero who belabored all comers.

The late pixieish press agent Francis Albertini, an incurable gagster, enjoyed nothing better than calling up close pal Mickey Walker at odd hours of the morning and introducing himself as bitter rival Dave Shade. How much Mickey enjoyed this prank is dubious, but that was about as close as Dave Shade was to get to the middleweight champion for the remainder of his career following their close battle, won by Mickey in 1925. A much criticized verdict, the Californian had to be satisfied with the "uncrowned champion" cognomen hung on him by manager Leo P. Flynn. Defeats were few and far between for Shade but despite his high ranking he never got another chance at Walker's title.

As Harold Johnson flanked by diamond flashing patron, Pat Oliveri, listened to Archie Moore advise him to be "patient" in Archie's hilarious speech at the New York Boxing Writers' Dinner, the sleek looking Philadelphian could well have been thinking, *'This guy is giving me the same thing they gave him"!*

It is ironic that Johnson like Moore, recognized as the class of the contenders these many years should, like the present champion, find a title chance most elusive. Adding a further tantalizing touch, old Doc Kearns, who as Maxim's manager, kept Archie waiting for so long is now, as Moore's brain trust, looking past Johnson for softer and more lucrative assignments, as he whispers in Archie's ear of a half million dollar payday with Ingemar Johansson.

No fool, Moore also coyly recalled that Johnson was asking for another chance at his title—a gentle hint that he had stopped this Johnson the last time they met, that one for the title back in '54 in the Garden.

This, manager Oliveri has to admit,

but he hastens to add, *"What lightheavyweight has Moore fought since then who can carry Harold's bathrobe? Do you know anybody who doesn't call my guy the best around next to him? And who was ahead in that Garden thing? My fellow got careless when it looked like we had it all sewed up. I still say Archie was the luckiest man in the world that night."*

With all due respect to Moore's longevity, Johnson is quite remarkable in his own right. Boxing people were frankly amazed at his superior boxing form after fourteen years of doing it, and with so little action available for him he has to play in a jazz combination in Philly once a week to make ends meet. The Sonny Ray match in which he toyed with the troublesome Chicagoan was the second of only two matches he fought last year, but his display of the finer points of the boxing art was of a brand seldom seen nowadays.

Eyeing his close cropped skull, tablemate Irving Rudd, at the Dinner, cracked, *"You know, you remind me of Yul Brynner, if they need an understudy for him, you're in."* The amiable fighter wistfully replied, *"Never mind Brynner, he's got his. I wonder am I ever going to get mine?"*

Johnson has reason to wonder, for a fighter of his talent, his ring returns have been meager. Never more than a light-heavy, he has made repeated forays into the heavyweight class against the likes of Jersey Joe Walcott, Clarence Henry, Jimmy Bivins and Ezzard Charles. The latter pair whom he beat, had suffered time's corrosion, when he got to them, but the first two were at their peaks when he tangled with them.

Big Nino Valdes was at the point of calling down voodoo incantations of his native Caribbean, in utter futility, as the adept Johnson, spotting him some thirty pounds, vanished from his lumbering lunges in a Brooklyn bout back in 1952 that had onlookers yelling with delight.

Along the way such problems, as power punching Bob Satterfield, pestiferous Jimmy Slade, burly Wayne Bethea, southpaw Bery Lytell, Henry Hall and Archie Moore (five times) confronted Johnson, who is the son of Phil Johnson, old time heavy who like son Harold, also faced Jersey Joe Walcott.

One of the few holding a decision over Moore, Johnson on the short end the other four times, edged Archie in Milwaukee on Dec. 10, 1951. This of itself, is no mean feat since victors over Archie Moore are rarities.

Like many others Johnson gained greater attention through an eccentric incident, than through his excep-

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PROFILE

Sixto Kid Rodriguez

By FRED EISENSTADT

HAD Sixto Kid Rodriguez, early in his career, forced himself to strike his opponents with the zest and eagerness he pounds his bongo drums—a pastime with him—he'd long ago have become a successful ringman. However, the lanky Pacific Coast lad was fighting a double fight that of subduing a peaceful, easy-going disposition—and his ring opponents.

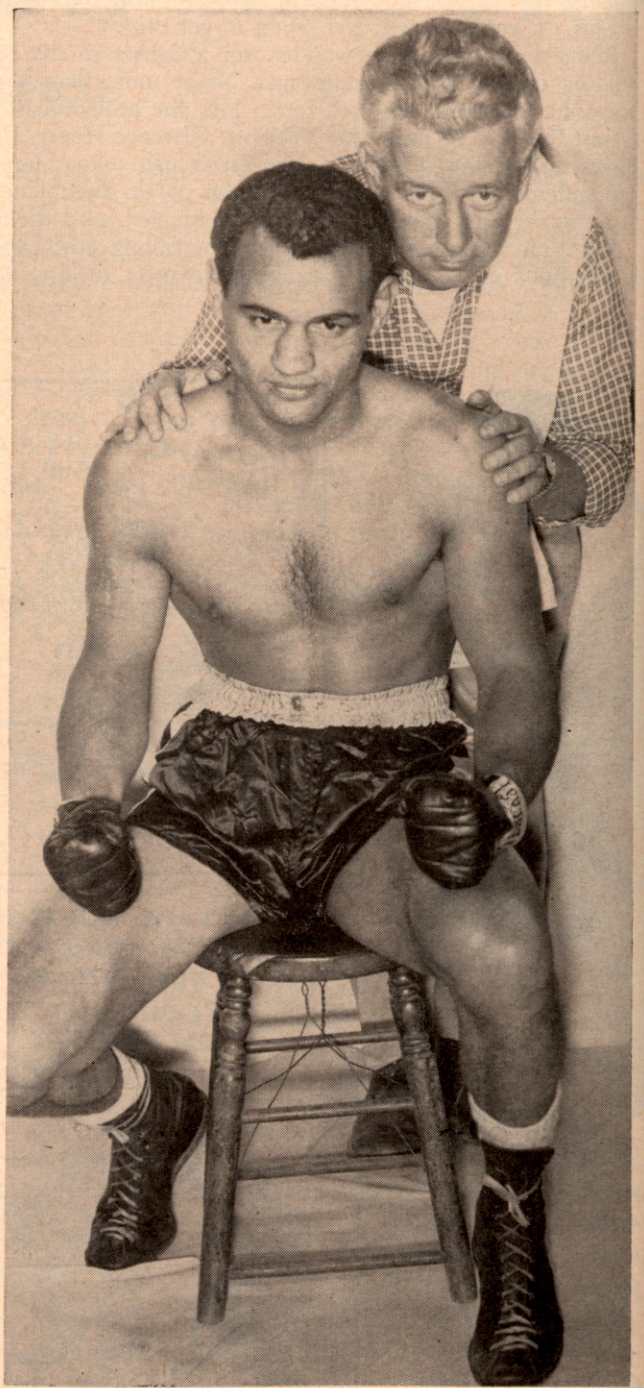
Sixto displayed appreciable boxing skill and heaps of "noodle" in his rousing 10-round affray with the dynamite-fisted Von Clay in the latter's hometown, Philadelphia, last October. While Rodriguez still failed to manifest sufficient "fistic fire" required in prizefighting, he performed admirably; especially against a dangerous puncher who was fresh from totally demolishing the redoubtable, highly ranked light-heavyweight Sonny Ray. And that, notwithstanding the fact that Sixto took the fight on short notice, substituting for the ailing Jesse Bowdry, therefore having little time to condition himself properly.

Sixto Kid jabbed and moved . . . made Von Clay miss, then promptly countered. At close quarter, where the Philadelphian excelled, Rodriguez cleverly nullified his foe's effectiveness by tying him up, or by sticking and moving away.

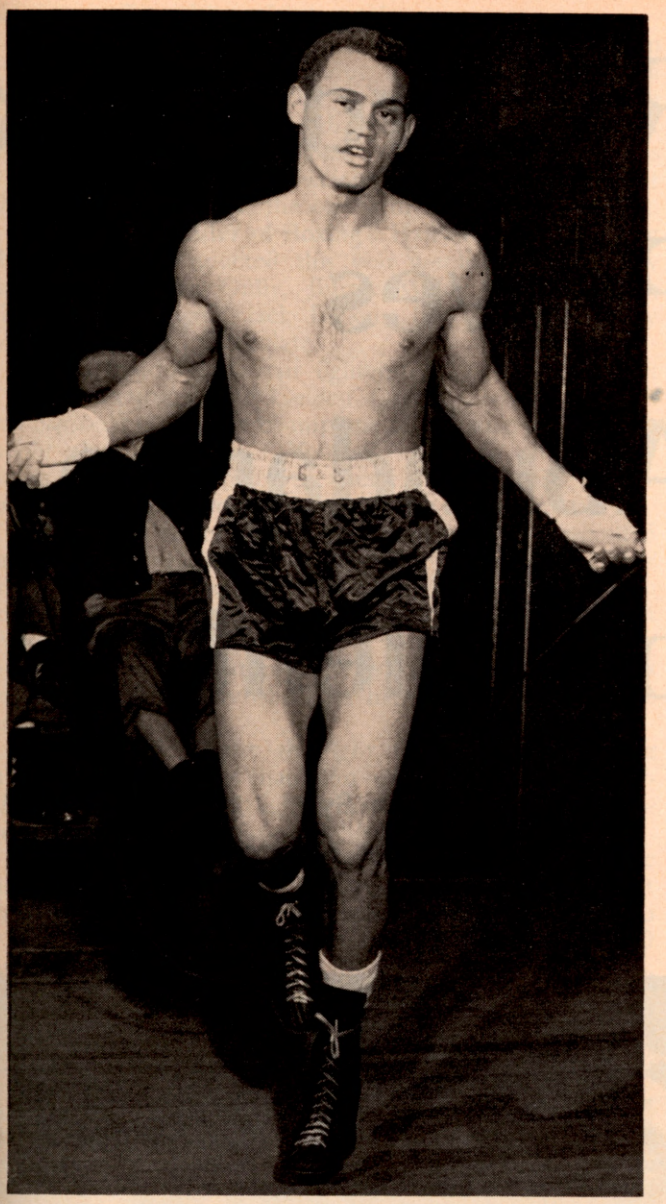
The draw decision was highly unpopular. *"Cripes!"* cried one of the fans. *"The unheard-of Sixto Kid made the highly favored Von Clay look like a hunk of clay."*

"Oh, yeah?" challenged a guy who had wagered heavily on the Philadelphian. *"Listen, wiseguy—didn't Von Clay chase Sixto all over the ring? Well, that should've given him the duke."*

"Listen," came back the first. *"When a vicious hound dog chases a canny fox all over the field and fails to catch him—who would you say is the winner?*



Rodriguez, Puerto Rican rated light heavyweight, getting instruction from his manager, Karl Ashley, during a gym workout.



The Sixto Kid is an avid believer in body conditioning and is seen here jumping rope to improve his footwork and develop stamina.

The fact that Rodriguez failed to receive the verdict for his magnificent effort reflects no credit on the ring wisdom of the officials scoring the fight. Even Tony Graziano, manager of Von Clay—a genuine sport—admitted that his fighter was lucky in getting a draw; that actually Sixto won.

He went undefeated from the time he turned pro in mid-1956 until he lost the California State 175-pound title in a 12-round bout to Monroe Ratliff on Jan. 30, 1959. *"Sixto's record show but few kayoes in 25 contests,"* recounts manager Karl Ashley, partner in the North State Tile Company—a contracting firm where the boxer has been employed as an apprentice tile layer since he began boxing as an amateur. *"Those he's credited with knocking out were opponents so completely outclassed by Rodriguez that the contests had to be stopped."*

Turning a gentle-natured youth into a ring "killer" is no simple chore, it requires job-like patience and concentrated psychology—but Karl Ashley is gradually turning Sixto into an exciting fighter.

"Here is something of an oddity," offers the blond manager. *"Sixto has a steady girl-friend and her name is—Jackie Dempsey."*

Born in Manati, Puerto Rico, on April 17, 1937, Sixto Noriega Rodriguez is one of two brothers and 3 married sisters. His family came to the Bay Area when Sixto was ten years of age. He became interested in boxing because his father—now dead—encouraged him, having always wanted to have a fighter in the family. And the youth found the ring appealing, easy disposition notwithstanding. So he began to learn the manly art of self-defense at the age of 12, with Dave Whitlock, a former pro—teaching Sixto the finer points of boxing.

The lanky Latin entered the amateurs in 1955, winning 17 of eighteen contests—and acquiring the San Francisco Golden Gloves 160-pound title the following year. He also was runner-up in the Nationals—losing to the seasoned Paul Wright.

Rodriguez began to exhibit his fistic talent for cash in mid-1956, and—surprisingly—he chilled Ted Juarez in 3 rounds. He then won three decisions and finished the year by putting the chill on Billy Ricks. The following year he earned 7 verdicts, scored two kayoes and boxed a draw.

"I became good friends with Tommy Villa, whom I defeated 3 times," reports Sixto. *"Maybe we became friends because we both train in the same gymnasium. But I believe it's because Tommy is a nice guy."*

In 1958 Rodriguez won 4 decisions and chalked up one kayo victory.

With pride in his tones, Ashley declares: *"In his last bout that year—on Dec. 1, to be exact—Sixto defeated Billy Hester, winning the California State light-heavyweight title. In 1959 he lost the title to Monroe Ratliff; then—after taking the measure of Junior Washington, Sixto regained his crown by outpointing Ratcliff in 12 rounds. Later he trounced Eddie Cotton, a veteran with a terrific wallop, in ten rounds. Then came the draw with Von Clay."*

Rodrigeuz, whose favorite food is steak and milk, admits having a romantic nature. He speaks excellent English, having studied two years at Mount View high school, where he played baseball. He's now a resident of San Anselmo, has been a member of the National Guard for 6 years—and is still in it.

Asked if he was "good" or "bad" as a boy, Sixto smiles and says, *"Much too too good, I'm afraid. Imagine, I never got into trouble at school—had no fights there or on the streets. Unusual for a kid, isn't it?"*

Coming quickly to the defense of his well-mannered protege, his manager declared *"Sixto is a sincere, hard-working, young man—a distinct credit to boxing. A Catholic, he attends church regularly."*

Rodriguez, whom RING Magazine has seen fit to rank Number 5th in the latest world ratings of light-heavyweights is in contention for the title.

An outdoorsman, Sixto gave forth with one way to remain healthy. *"The fresh air,"* he asserts, *"inhaled deep into the lungs, is healthful and invigorating—makes a person tingle with life."*

Trainer Norman Smiley finds Sixto easy and pleasant to work with, as he does not have to be driven hard in the gym, he knows how much proper training means!

The young boxer's ring style consists of concentrated moving . . . jabbing . . . getting away from blows . . . applying his right when openings appear—all of which he does with admirable efficiency.

It's no simple matter, as those who've boxed the California State Champ will attest, to weaken him with body blows or head punches—for the simple reason that he's possessed of a superb defense.

Sixto dislikes off-color jokes, smoking or drinking liquor, bossy or sarcastic people. Doesn't care for perfume, letter-writing, symphonic music, going to lectures or concerts or art museums.

He likes to play billiards and pool, enjoys flying in jet planes and is fond of dogs.

Record Book Proves Abundance of Talent

By
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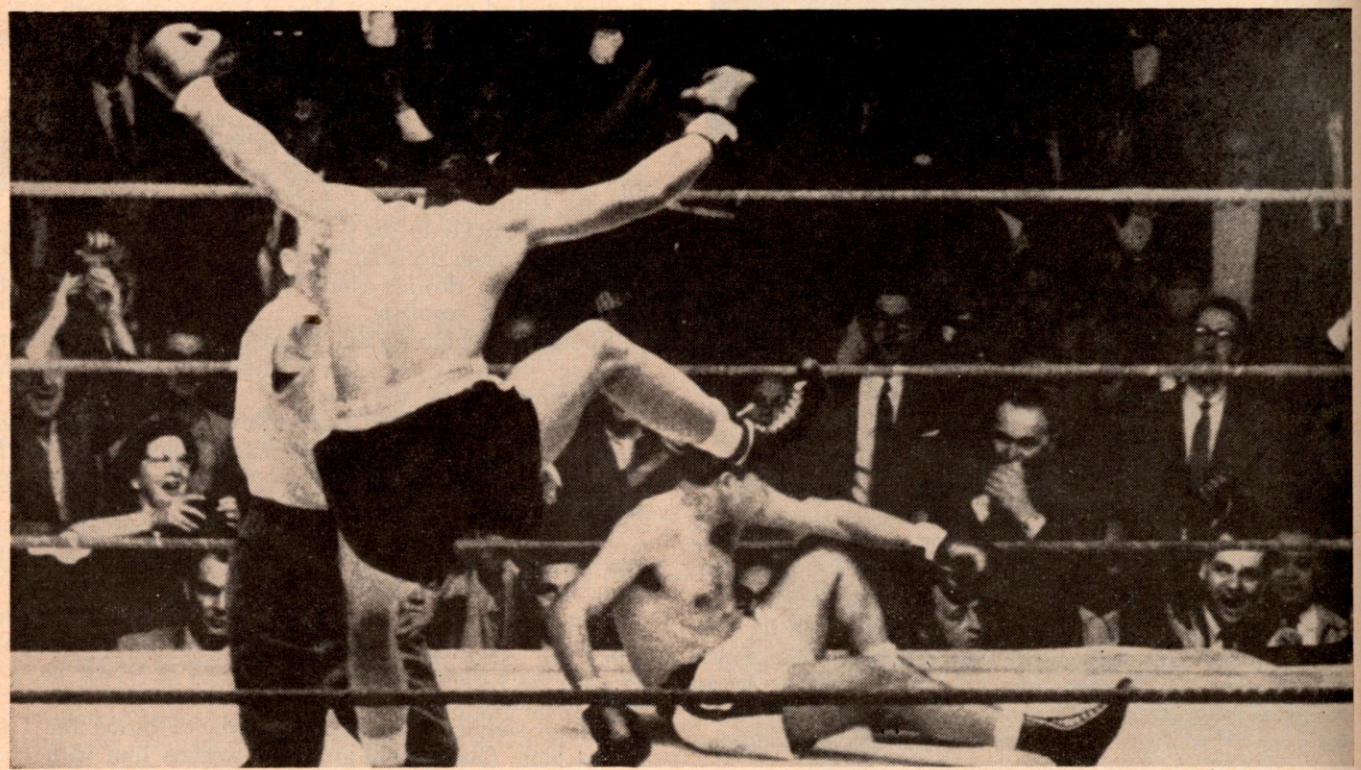


Above Top, Archie Moore, "The Ancient Mariner", who is the top kayo king of all time, one of the many interesting facts to be found in the 1960 Ring Record Book. (Below) Mike DeJohn leaps with joy following his one round kayo of Alex Miteff. Mike has recorded two of the fastest kayos seen on Television

THE brand new 1960 Edition of Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia is hot off the press. Good news indeed to the boxing fans of the world who eagerly await this publication each year.

This year's book is nine hundred pages plus. It is jammed with facts and figures to delight the rabid fan. All the old features and many new ones have added to the bulk.

Over eight hundred pages are devoted to the records of boxers from all over the world. More than three hundred cover the champions, title claimants, junior champions and

old timers. Something of interest for everyone.

Biographical sketches of the new champions crowned in 1959, Ingemar Johansson, Davey Moore and Joe Becerra have been added. Also the measurements of Johansson have been added to the page that lists the measurements of all the heavyweight champions. Another new feature is a break down on the heavyweight kings, listing the tallest champion, the heaviest, the one with the biggest feet, etc.

The complete roster of Boxing's Hall of Fame including those who were inducted this year are listed. The new members are John Gully, Jimmy Wilde, Pete Herman, George Kid Lavigne, Jack Dillon, Tom Sharkey, Rocky Marciano and Kid Chocolate.

The outstanding amateur fighters of 1959 are listed in a special section. The Golden Gloves, National A.A.U. and National Collegiate champions of the past year in each weight class are listed. You will want to check these names carefully as many of these lads are going to be members of our Olympic team in Rome this summer.

Another new feature lists the quickest knockouts recorded in bouts that were shown on television. Do you remember which was the fastest knockout you saw on the video screen? The four fastest are listed and Mike DeJohn of Syracuse has accounted for two of them.

Still another new feature is the listing of all of the fighters active in the ring today who have had one hundred or more professional fights.

Ancient Archie Moore, the light heavyweight title holder is the all time knockout champion with one hundred twenty-nine. He has had 207 fights, that include 177 wins compiled in twenty-four years of activity.

The amazing Kid Azteca, who has been plying his trade since 1929 has 160 fights listed from him, but the first three years of his career are not available so it is easy to assume that he too has gone to the post well over 200 times. Of his recorded fights, 79 were won by knockouts.

Sugar Ray Robinson, who just dropped his middleweight crown to Paul Pender, is still going strong at the age 39 with 152 fights, showing 142 wins with 92 kayos, compiled over twenty years.

Right behind Ray is Peter Muller, the "wild man" from Cologne, Germany. Herr Muller, in his 14 professional years has had 150 fights with 107 wins. The only other fighter to gain the century mark in the victory column is the present holder of the European welterweight title, Duilio Loi of Italy. This crafty twelve year veteran has lost but once in 107 fights while boxing 6 draws.

Teddy (Red Top) Davis, once a top featherweight who lost the decision in a title bout with Sandy Saddler back in 1955, has put together a total of 139 fights in his fourteen years of leather-pushing. Teddy now playing out the string in the welter class on the West Coast is thirty-six years old.

Globe-Trotting Glendale, Arizona midleweight Jimmy Martinez, has compiled 135 fights in a ten year period, and with 95 wins looms as a sure shot to gain the magic 100 win club. Jimmy is thirty years old.

Just a step behind Martinez, is the former lightweight champion, the "Bulldog" from Monterrey, Mexico, Lauro Salas. At thirty-two, he is still a crowd pleasing club fighter at the smaller clubs of California, Texas, and in his native Mexico. Lauro has won 79 of his 134 fights during his busy fourteen year career.

Another one-time top contender, thirty-one year old Cuban, Orlando Zulueta, recorded 120 bouts, packed in a fourteen-year career that has carried him to most of the fight clubs of North and South America as well as Europe. Orlando has only been stopped once in his long ring journeys, that by Joe Brown in the last round of a title fight in 1957.

The ex-triple champion of the lightweights, Jimmy Carter of New York, who is now active on the West Coast, is thirty-six; he has been fighting since 1946 and has had 117 bouts.

Fred Galiana, the Spanish clouter has won 93 of his 117 bouts spaced over nine years, a busy lightweight who was once a top featherweight contender. Fred is twenty-eight.

Also with 93 victories is the veteran Frenchman Gilbert Lavoine. A former European titleholder Lavonie at thirty-nine is close to the end of his twelve year career that started late due to World War II. He has had 114 fights.

Andre Valignat of France, is an eleven-year vet with 112 bouts under his belt. A busy featherweight, at thirty-three he has left his better days behind him. Andre held the French bantamweight crown in 1954 and was ranked among the top contenders in that class.

Popular Chico Vejar, the Stamford, Connecticut, middleweight, is next in line with 111 bouts under his belt. Chico, twenty-nine, has been active for ten years.

Another top man was Art Aragon, the California "Golden Boy," who at thirty-two, recently announced his retirement after fighting his 111th bout, covering a 17 year span.

Del Flanagan, the fancy, St. Paul Irishman, is a veteran of 110 ring fights. Del, a thirteen-year man, is also closing in on the 100 win mark with 93 victories. The St. Paul ace has long been among the top 147 and 160 pounders.

A pair of veteran light heavyweights Artie Towne and Britisher Alex Buxton have 109 fights listed in their record. Towne, thirty-five, started in 1944 while Buxton, a year younger, has been at it since 1942.

Also at that same level is Federico Thompson, the Panamanian born Argentina welterweight, who recently kayoed Don Jordan in a non-title bout. Jordan's manager said he accepted the fight with Thompson, because Thompson was no puncher. When he stopped Jordan it was Thompson's 52nd kayo in 94 wins. Not bad for a powder-puff puncher.

The veteran left hooker, thirty-one year old Joe Miceli, has had 108 in his dozen years of campaigning.

At the 106 mark are a trio of battlers. Rocky Randell of Rome, Ga., a busy lightweight, starting his eighth year and at 26 is the baby of the group. The others, are a pair of veterans. Cesar Saavedra of Mexico is twenty-seven and Jacques Herbillion of France, age thirty-one. Both are in their eleventh year of ring activity.

With 103 fights are world lightweight champion Joe Brown and Tommy Tibbs. "Old Bones" is thirty-three. He turned pro back in 1946. Joe looks good enough to last another five years at least. Tibbs, a good club fighter who holds the New England lightweight crown, at twenty-five is the youngster of this century club. He has already put ten years in the beak-busting trade.

The trio tied at 102 are all veterans. Paddy DeMarco, thirty-one, the ex-lightweight king from Brooklyn, is looking toward his fifteenth season and is still plying his trade as a welter. The Mexican 147 pound king Juan Padilla in his twelfth year is twenty-eight and top middlweight contender Joey Giardello also in his twelfth season is twenty-nine and still looking for that title shot.

Right on the line with an even 100 are veteran French middleweight, Jean Ruellet and Filipino bantamweight, Tanny Campo. Ruellet is a thirty-year old eight-year man who started in 1952, while Campo, also thirty is in his 12th year.

There are many more who are moving toward the "100" club—Manolo Garcia of Spain, Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, La., and Paul Jorgensen of Port Arthur, Texas, appears to be the next three charter members as all are past the ninety mark.

Those who missed their 1959 Ring Record Book can still obtain one. There are a few copies on hand.

A legend among professional football players, Gene "Big Daddy" Lipscomb, of the Baltimore Colts, turns to wrestling when not playing football. At twenty-eight, "Daddy" is one of the toughest linemen in football and should cause plenty of trouble for those he meets on the mat.

THE MAT WORLD

Tossed out of the ring Happy Humphrey, one of the heaviest men in wrestling, pounds the floor in frustration. When he falls on an opponent, they claim they see spots before their eyes. Could it be Humphrey's pants?

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT:

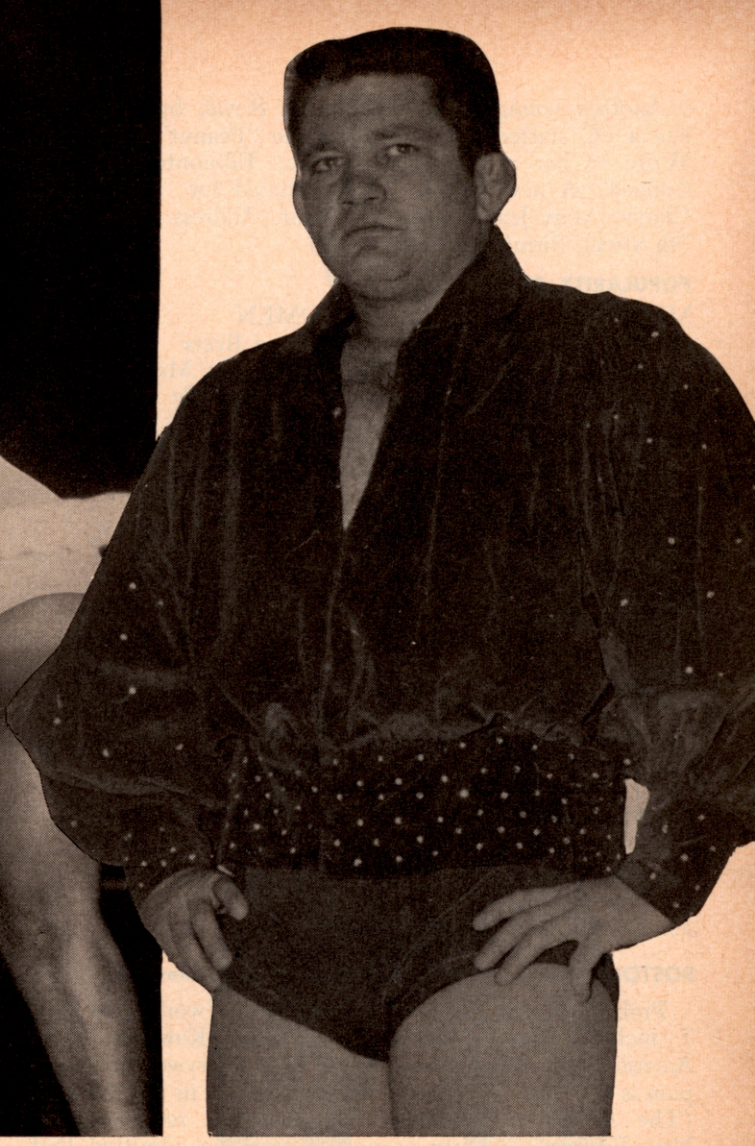
RICKI STARR'S guiding light, Allan Shaw, passes on the success of recent RCA release "You Can't Hurt Me Anymore", the tonsil work is better than presentable and the other side, an instrumental "Shooting Star," makes the record a solid teen-age gasser. If your local store has run out of this label you can get your platter directly from Mr. Shaw at 1729 Walton Ave., New York 53, N. Y.

Promoter Wally Karbo, out Minneapolis way, has been giving his local fans a treat instead of a treatment with such names as Verne Gagne, Hans Schmidt, Tiny Mills, Killer Kowalski, Frank Townsend, Roy McClarity on tap. . . . Wally has been making new friends with his TV showcase of all his wrestlers over KMSP-TV Saturdays and Mondays.

Don Leo Jonathan and Gene Kiniski have copped the Canadian Tag Team trophy. . . . Whipper Watson is the Canadian Empire Champ. . . . Jerry Graham and Johnny Valentine won Tag Team title from Mark Lewin and Don Curtis.

The Illinois territory has been seeing a lot of the NWA champ Pat O'Connor, and ac-

The Fabulous Moolah, gal champ, doesn't like the cut of Pat Lyda's nose. "Put your nose into my business . . . huh!" P.S. Pat just had a plastic job. Who won did you say? Moolah.



Billy Cox, "Little Dynamite", from Little Rock, Arkansas, who weighs 195, is twenty-four years of age, and is rapidly making a name for himself.

cording to reports the fans have liked what they have seen. According to friend Larry Matysik, the Illinois territory is cluttered with top talent . . . men like Gene Kiniski, Longson, Lou Thesz, Wilbur Snyder, Otto Von Krupp, Red Scorpion, Cowboy Don Ellis, Don Lee, et al.

Received word of the Sixth Annual Wrestling Fan Club Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., July 8th through 11th. The committee handling the arrangements consists of: Pat Hawkins, Chairman, 7119 Chestnut St., Washington 12, D. C.; Violet Smith, P. O. Box 54, Meadowlands, Pa.; Mary Hasley, R. R. 6 Faye Street, Marietta, Ohio. Write to the gals for all the info on this jamboree of FC's, wrestlers, promoters and pen pushers interested in wrestling.

Dorm Lewin, Buffalo grappler, has returned to his home base after two years of campaigning from coast to coast. Here is a lad who started his career with a scientific approach, but when his sister Salee married Dangerous Danny McShain, Danny watched Donn wrestle one night and then sat down with Donn and said: *"Look, Donnie my boy, you will never get anywhere being nice to an opponent."*

When Donn started to take terrific lacings from some of the more belligerent adversaries he decided that Danny was right, and almost overnight he did a complete transition from a nice guy to one of the reigning villains of the day, and it has paid off handsomely for the Buffalo boy. Donn has two brothers who are also wrestlers. They are Mark, who has teamed with another Buffalonian Don Curtis, in one of the fastest tag team duos in the business and Ted who wrestles around New York City. Ted paid his way through art school, and illustrates soft cover books, which are so popular at present. The three wrestling brothers can be rightfully called "The Fabulous Lewins."

THE FAN CLUB CORNER

If there is any doubt about the number of Americans who are turning to wrestling as their favorite sport . . . allow said person a chance to check the ever-growing wrestling fan clubs springing up all over the U. S. and abroad.

Word reaches us that Peggy Allan, injured in recent accident, who had announced her retirement, is once again back on the mat . . . her FC is also being resumed under the banner of Miss Milly Hypes, 127 Union St., Salem, Virginia. That very energetic lady, Mary Hasley, sends along word of a new FC on young, popular, Canadian grappler, Lloyd Morris. Mary is the President and her address is: R. R. 6, Faye St., Marietta, Ohio.

The following was received from George Peterson:

"This is to announce the formation of the C.W.A. or the Continental Wrestling Alliance. It is open to all Pro Wrestling fans who will simply send a stamped self-addressed envelope to me.

George Peterson, 17 Osborne Road,
Garden City, N. Y.

There is no charge for the free membership card.

Thank you, The Board of Directors of the Continental Wrestling Alliance."

Another young Canadian, Nelson Royal, by name, has had a FC started for him by Arlene "Peanut" McQueen. Write to her at 9560-102 A Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A new FC has been initiated for "Irish" Mike Clancy, Mary Jeab Gamel, President. Address: 2203 West 7th Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

POPULARITY RATING

MEN	WOMEN
1. Pat O'Connor	1. June Byers
2. Killer Kowalski	2. Fabulous Moolah
3. Antonino Rocca	3. Judy Grable
4. Ricki Starr	4. Nell Stewart
5. The Amazing Zuma	5. Mary Jane Mull
6. Edouard Carpentier	6. Fran Korvette
7. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers	7. Barbara Baker
8. Count Billy Varga	8. Penny Banner
9. Jerry Graham	9. Tona Tomah
10. Ronnie Etchison	10. Dot Dotson

TAG TEAM

1. Antonino Rocca and Miguel Perez
2. The Gallagher Bros.
3. The Sharpe Bros.
4. Jerry Graham and Johnny Valentine
5. The Tolos Bros.
6. The Kangaroos
7. The Kalmikoff Bros.
8. The Bastein Bros.
9. The Miller Bros.
10. Mark Lewin and Don Curtis

BOSTON WRESTLING NEWS ***By Lawrence C. Slesinger***

Probably the most hated wrestler in the world is 6 foot, 7 inch, 275-pound Wladeck "Killer" Kowalski. The American Wrestling Association World Heavyweight Champion is often billed as the "Dirtiest Wrestler in the World". (The American Wrestling Association is recognized in New England). Dirty or not, it must be admitted that Kowalski is one of the most skilled grapplers in the world. He whips his 275 pounds around the ring with great speed, and he has tremendous endurance.

He won the title from Edouard Carpentier, who previously won it from Lou Thesz. He again beat Carpentier in two rematches.

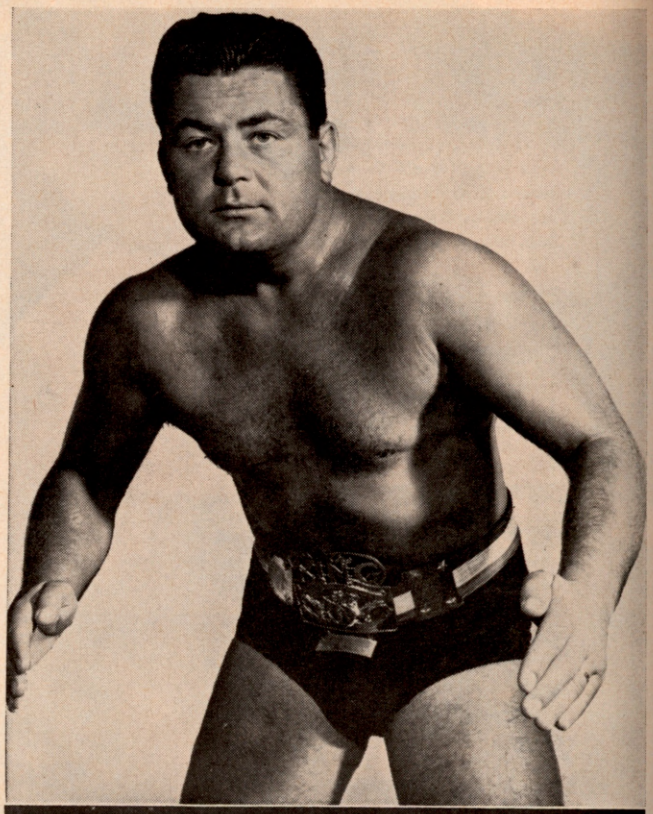
The most exciting matches in Boston Gardens in 1959 were: Killer Kowalski's match with Big Bill Miller in which he opened a 28-stitch gash in Miller's head; Kowalski's title defense against Pepper Gomez which went to a draw, when the time limit ran out; Kowalski's defeat of Gomez in a return match; Kowalski's 60-minute draw with heroic Antonino Rocca; Dick the Bruiser's winning of the United States' Heavyweight title from Wilbur Snyder when Snyder couldn't return to the ring; and the Bruiser's defense against Verne Gagne in a Texas Death match when Gagne couldn't return because his leg was injured.

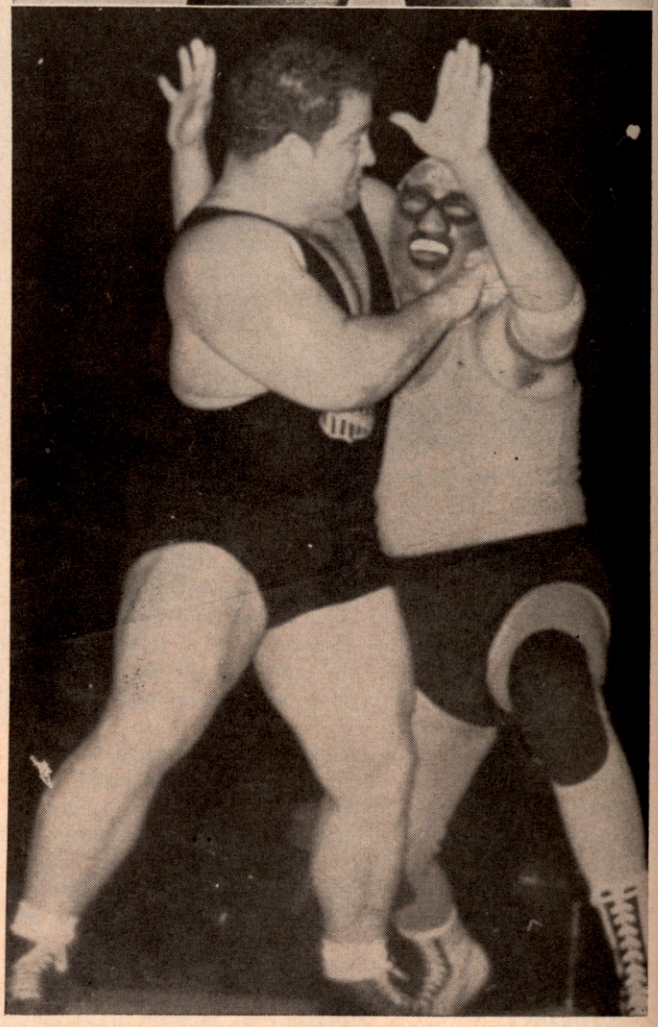
This writer can be reached at 25 Hopkins St., Revere 51, Mass., if you have any information pertaining to Boston or New England wrestling.

NEWS AND VIEWS ***By Don Jordan***

Antonino Rocca, who became a citizen on January 22nd, defeated the Amazing Manuel Zuma for the fifth consecutive time at Madison Square Garden, New York City, as 15,675 fans paid $47,290. Three weeks earlier, Rocca had defeated Zuma at MSG before the largest crowd in the history of the New York City arena, 21,950 fans, who paid $64,680. There will be one card at MSG in February, one in March, and then there won't be any until May.

Within the last year Rocca has appeared in New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D. C., Charlotte,





Canadian fans have had a favorite for years. He's Montreal's Larry Moquin, whose wide-open style of grappling with some of the best wrestlers in the game has gained for him a huge following. Bottom photo shows Paul Anderson, who has just announced his intention of boxing, putting the pressure on the Masked Great Bolo.

Miami Beach, Buffalo, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Havana, San Juan, and Buenos Aires.

Zuma is planning a trip to South America. . . . Chief Big Heart, who is headed for Australia, will team with Suni War Cloud when he returns to the East. . . . Walt Kowalski, who held NWA Heavy Champ Pat O'Connor to a draw in Montreal recently, defeated Pepper Gomez, who had returned from Texas, at Boston recently. In addition to his East Coast appearances, Kowalski has been wrestling in Chicago.

Kowalski has teamed with Johnny Valentine in the East. . . . Bull Curry held Ricki Starr to a draw at West Hempstead, N. Y., recently. Three days later in New York City, Curry was beaten by Rocca. . . . Bearcat Wright is unbeaten in East Coast singles matches, as is Bruno Sammartino. Sammartino hasn't been pinned in 4 months of pro wrestling. . . . Gorgeous George has over one million members in his fan club. George and Starr were matched in New York City recently. This was a rematch of a bout which took place in Chicago last year, which Starr won.

Mark and Donn Lewin are teaming in the East again. The Lewin Brothers were partners in the East 2 years ago. In recent months Donn had been wrestling in Ohio. . . . Cousins Rito and Enrique Romero, who teamed in Texas two years ago, are teaming in the East. . . . Jack Davis, who plays pro football for the Washington Redskins, is wrestling in the East for the second year in a row. . . . Ace Freeman is promoting matches in West Virginia.

Wayne Bock, who has come to the East from the Midwest is a defensive player for the pro football Chicago Cardinals. . . . Pat O'Connor is in Texas. . . . Jerry Gordet, who came to the East from Missouri, is being billed as the beatnik wrestler. Gordet, who enters the ring in a beret, sweater, and long wrestling tights, was beaten in his first East Coast match by Sammartino in two minutes. Sammartino features the bear hug and back breaker. These are holds which Yukon Eric also features.

A Dick Afflis-Yukon Eric vs. Roy Shire-Ray Stevens match at Indianapolis recently drew 13,000 fans, which is an attendance record for that city. . . . Wrestling matches are being held in hotels in New York and Massachusetts.

Willie Gilzenberg and Babe Culnan are staging Saturday afternoon cards in New Jersey, Culnan, who was recently honored by the sports writers in his area, suffered a heart attack shortly afterward. . . . Alex Perez, who was billed as Hurricane Anaya when he appeared in the East, is in Oklahoma. . . . The Iron Russians, who wrestle with masks in the East, wrestle without the masks in New York.

Recent tag team matches in Texas have featured a midget on only one team. . . . Bull Allen has come to the East from the Midwest, Johnny Walker has come from Florida, and Tony Angelo has come from the Carolinas-Virginia area. . . . Marvin Mercer has returned to the East from Ohio. . . . Rocca has a $15,000 belt which he won in a South American tourney years ago. . . . The tournament had 52 wrestlers, with the winner receiving the belt. . . . Rocca recently returned from Florida where he teamed with Don Beitelman.

Joe Christie, who was billed as Pierre Valois in the East, is in Texas with Frank Valois. . . . Guy LaRose, who was billed as Bobby Brown in New York, is in the Lone Star State. . . . Sam Hesser, who is billed as the Mighty Jumbo, and Phil Sylva, who is billed as Tokyo Joe, are in Alabama and Georgia, respectively. . . . Bob Leipler, who was billed as Duke Hoffman in the East, is in the Carolinas-Virginia area. . . . John Smith, who is the brother of East Coast wrestler Al Smith, is being billed as Soldat Gorky in the Midwest.

Mike Higgins, who appears in the New England-eastern

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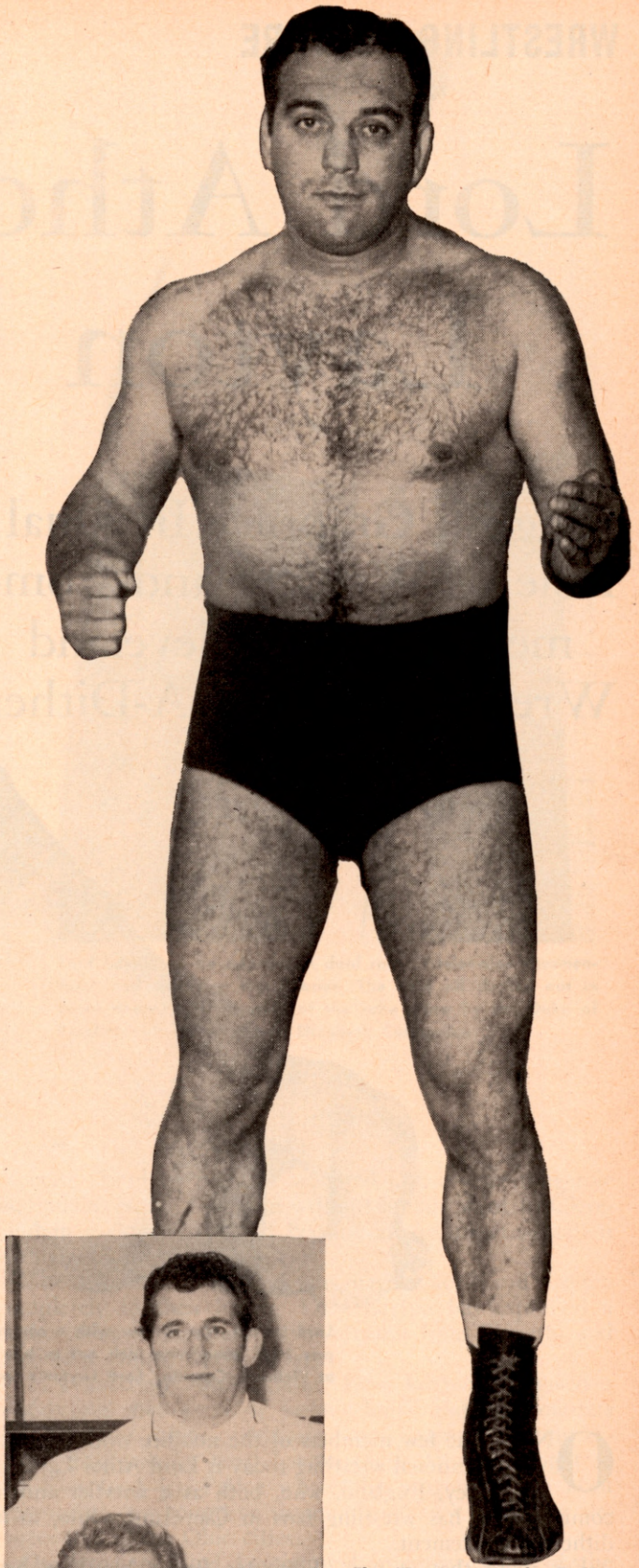


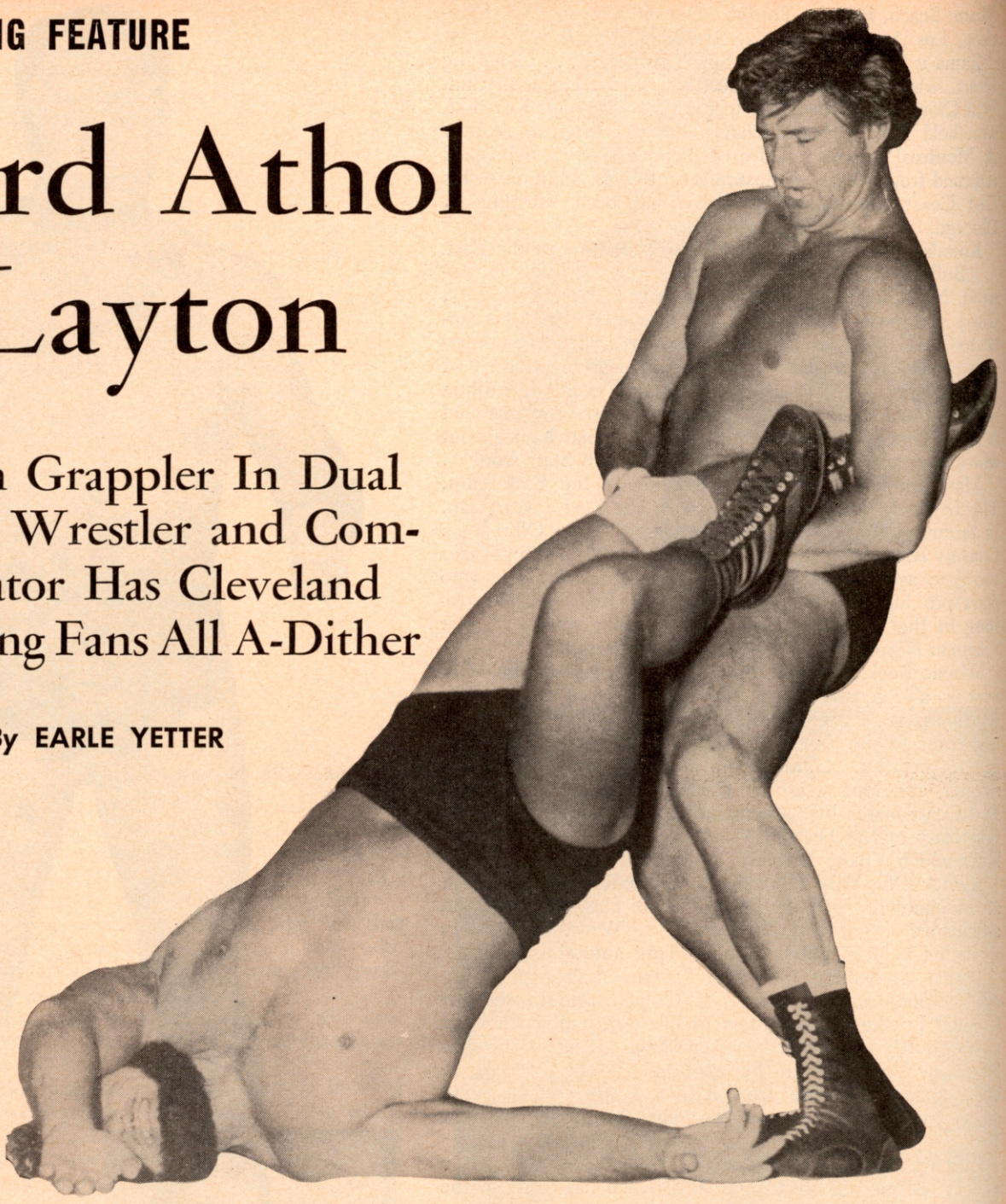
The "Boston Strongboy", Manuel Cortez, a versatile and powerful grappler, who is making good in Montreal. He is a solid performer with a superb grounding in all the holds. Left: Danno O'Shocker, seated, and Reggie Parks, Southern favorites, pose for photographer Gordon before match with Jack Terry and Joe Kopa, which Danno and Reggie won.

WRESTLING FEATURE

Lord Athol Layton

English Grappler In Dual Role of Wrestler and Commentator Has Cleveland Wrestling Fans All A-Dither

By **EARLE YETTER**



Lord Layton, top notcher with a commanding knowledge of holds and escapes, using his versatility to pay back punishment delt out to him earlier in match with Karol Kalmikoff, during a tag team bout at Welland, Canada. Lord Layton's team won the fall and the match.

ONE of the few members of the nobility who is active in professional wrestling today is Lord Athol Layton, of Surrey, England, who, both as a wrestler and a commentator, has wrestling fans in Cleveland, Ohio, in a dither of excitement.

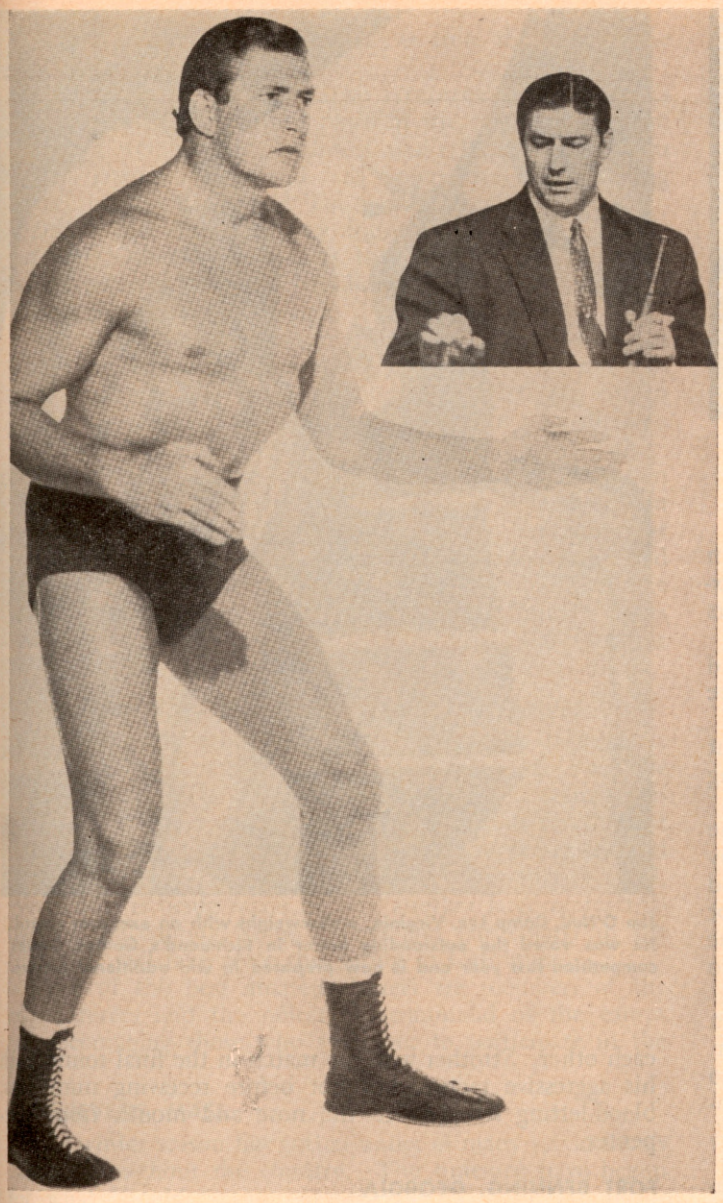
For more than a year, Promoter Pedro Martinez has completely revived the sport of wrestling in the State of Ohio to such an extent that the Arena in Cleveland is consistently drawing sell-out crowds. When Lord Layton took over the commentator chores on WJW-TV, he was the affirmed exponent of the down-trodden and exploded in vitriolic contempt of those wrestlers who took it upon themselves to violate every rule in the book. The result has been the complete reawakening of the sport of wrestling in more than a dozen cities in the State of Ohio, as well as Cleveland.

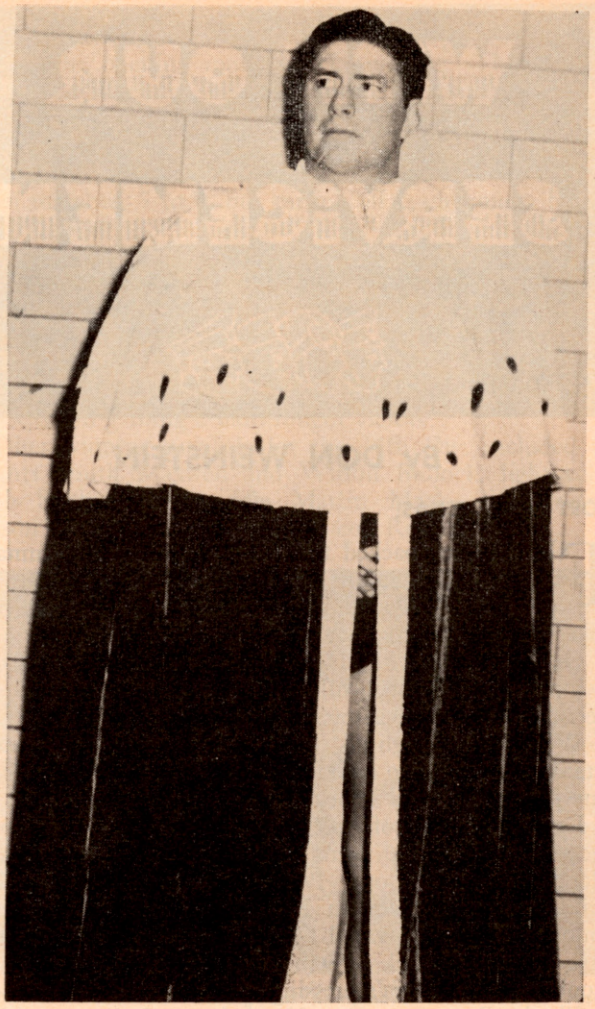
Lord Layton learned all about wrestling in the Near East. For a year, he took up boxing and had won twenty-one straight bouts, nineteen by a k.o. in the first round, but when bouts were few and far between, he turned his attention to the sport of wrestling.

Just why should a Nobleman take up the sport of wrestling?

An uncle of Lord Layton's died and left his estate to him and the property was laden with back taxes and other debts. Even a Lord has to eat and it was a matter of simple economics.

After his service in the Australian Army, the 6 foot, 6 inch, 270 pound Layton decided that wrestling would be his career. He was tutored by the best of Indian wrestlers and then came to Canada and the United States where he teamed up with another nobleman, Lord James Blears. To-





Lord Layton as he appears in dual role of television commentator and wrestling star. Above: The Lord all decked out in regal finery, a duplication of the robe worn by the Duke of Edinborough at the Queen Elizabeth Coronation.

gether the two Lords formed one of the best tag team duos. Under the direction of Captain Leslie Holmes this triumphant trio was unbeatable. The wily manager Holmes made the matches which saw the Lords, Layton and Blears, win the British Empire Team Championship, the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship, the World Tag Team Championship in Chicago in 1953 and the International Tag Team Championship in California in 1954.

Finally, Lord Layton wrestled one night in a Long Beach, California match, and his opponent stuck his finger into his left eye causing a separated retina. For five months Lord Layton, went into complete retirement and during his convalescence his future as a wrestler weighed in the balance.

After two eye operations he gradually saw the light of day returning to his damaged eye. He returned to the sport he loved and is today a fitting example of the type of athlete who comprises the sport of wrestling.

He came back to wrestling in as smashing a mat comeback as has been witnessed. His bouts in Canada, New York State and Ohio brought him complete vindication of his ideals that right will prevail in the end.

A year ago when Martinez took over at Cleveland, Ohio, The Buffalo wrestling major domo was at a loss for a commentator to announce the wrestling bouts over television. It was at this point that Lord Layton confided to Pedro that he would like the opportunity of serving in that capacity. Lord Layton first appeared in a commenting role in Buffalo, N. Y., and then without fanfare went to Cleveland in a similar role and became an overnight sensation with the fans.

The Cleveland wrestling fans have taken Lord Layton completely to their hearts. Lord Layton has expressed a desire to move his family to Cleveland from Toronto and become a United States citizen.

As a wrestling commentator, Lord Layton has given a professional view-point of various holds and the counters for them; the science of balance and leverage is being expertly displayed by Lord Layton every Thursday night at the Cleveland Ice Palace where the programs have been responsible for countless thousands of new wrestling devotees in a dozen Ohio cities.

On occasion, Lord Layton will interview some of the more belligerent wrestlers for infractions of the rules and bring them to task for the violations. Among those he has chosen to berate before a television audience were Fritz von Erich and Mike Gallagher. Henceforth, Von Erich challenged him to a bout and needless to say that bout filled the Ice Palace to capacity. The same thing happened when Mike Gallagher challenged him to a match.

The sport of wrestling today holds a strong fascination for a large section of the TV audience and the popularity

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By DON WEINSTEIN

FORT BLISS, TEXAS:

FIGHT fans packed the Fort Bliss Bundy Gymnasium to its full capacity to watch the spirited, but inexperienced Bliss and White Sands Missile Range boxers take on a strong, highly-talented Fort Hood team.

Of the seven bouts, Hood won four—two by TKO, and two by split decision, while Bliss scrappers banged out three decisions over the visitors.

White Sands fighters, staging their first appearance at Bundy, dropped two bouts by TKO to Hood, while winning one from Bliss by a knockout.

Delfin Quieseng of Fort Bliss, was TKOd in 2:45 of the second round after being tagged with a hard right by Hood's Bob Anderson. Pedro Cabrera (141) from Hood split decisioned Solomon Miller of Bliss, after three hot rounds. Miller was jolted by Cabrera's straight right in the first, but came back to win the second, only to run into trouble with Cabrera's pressing attack in the final round.

Charles Buss, from Fort Hood, lost a decision to Marvin Carter of Fort Bliss, after an action packed three rounder. Buss telegraphed his punches throughout the first two rounds. Carter finally 'got the message', and with damaging blows to the body, and sharp left hooks to the head, banged out a clean decision over Buss.

Hood's Fortune Smith (mentioned in The Ring's January issue) spouting a constant flow of chatter, TKOd Jim Thomas of White Sands, in the third round after a free-for-all first round in which both men were tagged and visibly shaken.

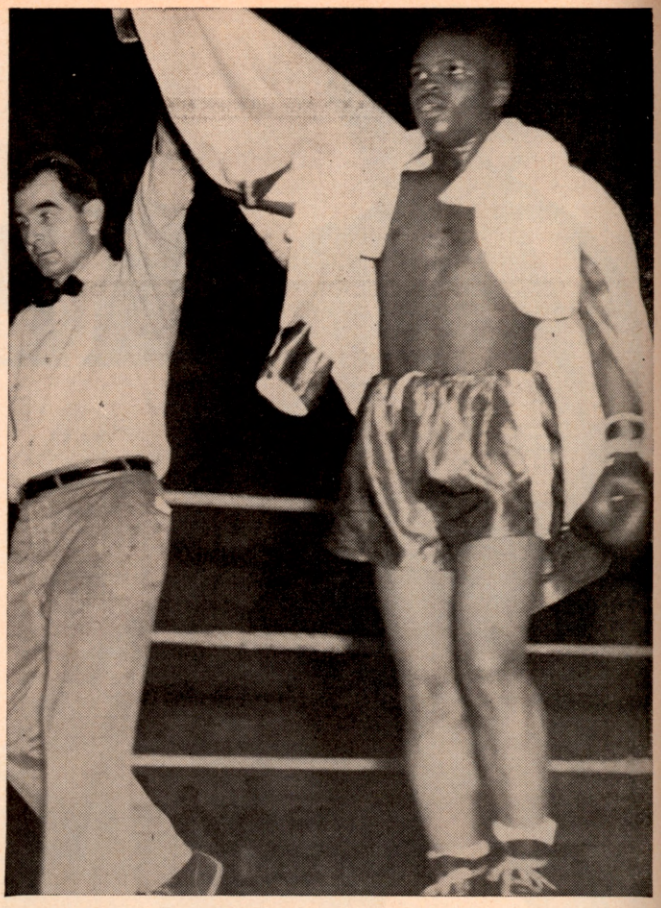
Smith with his fistic as well as verbal barrage, bombed his lesser opponent with staggering left hooks until Referee Ralph Berryhill stopped the fight.

An estimated 1200 ringsiders cheered wildly when Donald Townsend clashed, head-on with Hood's Jose Martin in a bristling three round middleweight scrap. Townsend shook Martin repeatedly with straight rights and sharp left jabs to the midsection to belt out a unanimous decision. Martin had Townsend on the ropes twice, only to be sent back-peddling by his powerful opponent's jarring counterpunches.

After being decked by a straight right to the jaw, in the opening moments of the first round, John (Chief Peters) of Bliss, climbed off the canvas to bang out a close decision over Hood's Gilbert Dowling. The "Chief's" crippling right paved the way to victory in the following melee as he jolted his adversary repeatedly to pile up points and win the match.

Much applause was given the Bob Carpenter (FB-154) Billy Strother (FH-151) fight in which Carpenter, last year's Fourth Army champ from Fort Bliss, was handed his first defeat on a split decision.

Both men squared off at the opening bell, and gave the fans something to cheer about as they took turns staggering each other. Strother won the match in the final round with his aggressive tactics, but not before receiving numerous, blood-letting left jabs to the nose and mouth from Carpenter.



Jim O'Neil, Camp Lee, Virginia, welterweight with an excellent record. He was voted the outstanding boxer in Richmond's Golden Gloves competition last year and is now prepared to win additional honors.

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Fort Benning, Georgia, was the scene of considerable ring activity during the past month when its boxing team was preparing for the Third Army Championships at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Fort Benning team has as its star Leon Hall of the First Battle Group, First Infantry Brigade. He has won the Post title six times and is the All-Army Champion. Other members of the crack Fort Benning team are light middleweight Linnis King, bantamweight Narcisco Motta, heavyweight Cawthorn Miree, welterweight James Honeysuckle and light middleweight Francis Daniels. They are all of the 29th Infantry.

In the Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, First Brigade, the leaders are flyweight Sucundino Otero, featherweight Eddie Smith and light heavyweight Major Whitlock.

From other units the Fort Benning team has heavyweight Philip Butler, 15th Artillery, First Howitzer Battalion, Second Infantry Division; light welterweight Larry McBride, 122nd Signal Company, Second Division; light welterweight Edgar Rivera, 69th Armored, Second Division; lightweight Douglas Johnson, Second Battle Group, Ninth Infantry, Second Division, and featherweight David Duerson, First Battle Group, 23rd Infantry, Second Division.

FORT LEE, VA.

The 1960 Fort Lee boxing team, under the guidance of Sergeant First Class Gil Nieves, should be able to make their presence known at the Second Army Boxing Tourna-

ment which is to be held at Fort Lee from the 15th to the 19th of March this year.

Leading the team will be two returnees from last year's team which captured third place in the tournament. Jim O'Neil, a welterweight, won last year's Richmond Golden Gloves championship and was voted the "Outstanding Boxer" of the Richmond Tournament.

During the Second Army tournament at Fort Meade last year, O'Neil, who desires to turn pro after he leaves the Army, won the 2-A Middleweight crown. O'Neil is 5 foot, six inches, and weighs 135 pounds.

The second of the returning ringmen will be Amos Griffin, an 188 pound heavyweight. Griffin won the Virginia Amateur Heavyweight Championship last year, and in the Second Army Tournament lost to Alonzo Small, who went on to win the heavyweight crown, in the semi-finals.

Rounding out the team will be Luis Nieves (no relation to the coach), a lightweight; Angel Morales, who weighs in at 112 pounds, flyweight; Angel Ramos, a bantamweight contender; Harvey Lapidus, a 166 pound middleweight; and Fred Smith, a light-heavyweight, who is a possible candidate for the Olympic's in the future. Among Smith's fights is a split decision with Jose Torres, the 1956 Olympic Middleweight runner-up.

SERVICES LOOKING FOR OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVES

With the Olympic Games tryouts soon to take place, every camp instructor is on the lookout for material capable of taking part. The various services furnished a large portion of the boxers who took part in the trials for the last Olympics and several reached the heights by being selected to represent Uncle Sam at Melbourne. With that in mind, every effort is being made to have another large representation in the coming Rome Games and particularly in the trials that will take place this spring in California.

Some of the best amateur boxers are members of the armed forces and the officers in command of the camps are encouraging those who are eager to participate in the sport.

FORT DEVENS, MASS.

The winter season has gotten under at many servicemen's camps throughout the country. The tune-ups have begun for what should be an exceptionally busy three months of preparation for inter-service and finally the championship bouts that wind up with men from all parts of the world participating.

In Germany, where a large portion of the air force is situated, boxing is going over big with inter-company matches being featured.

In the U. S. Army camp at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, which annually turns out a large force in boxing, activity has been almost at a standstill for the past three months but now the boys are out daily and the athletic directors hope to have a fine squad in the field shortly. Post level novice boxing championships have been completed and those in charge of the arrangements are well pleased with the results. Here is the way the program shapes up for the next few weeks:

All of this month Fort Devens boxers will participate in Golden Gloves competition at Lowell, Mass. The post level group and battalion championships have already gotten under way. Then on to the First Army championship matches.

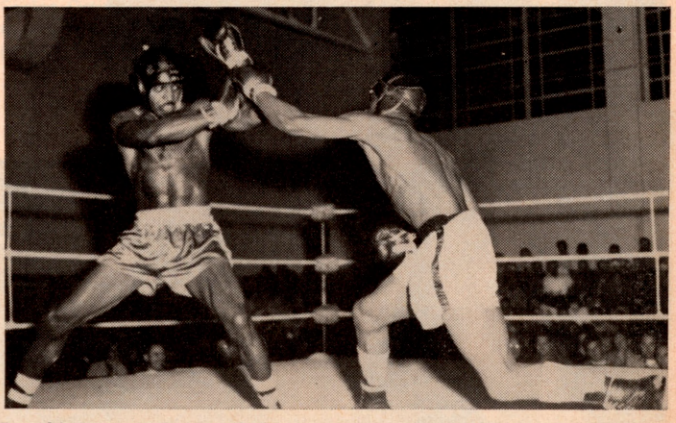
LIONS TRIUMPH IN SWEDEN

Augsburg, Germany—The Twenty-fourth Infantry Division added Sweden to its list of victims. It was the third straight invasion by the Americans and the three time USAREUR winners triumphed winning 16 out of 27 bouts with 26 of the contests going the full distance for decisions. Light welter champion John Campbell scored the only knockout during the three fight nights' program, a 1.30 k.o. in the opening round at Halsingborg. The first two night's contests were staged in Halsingborg and Malmo and the Lions came out on top each night with six wins and three losses. But in the Stockholm competition the Americans went down to defeat for the first time in International matches, 5 to 4, but carried off team honors for the three nights.

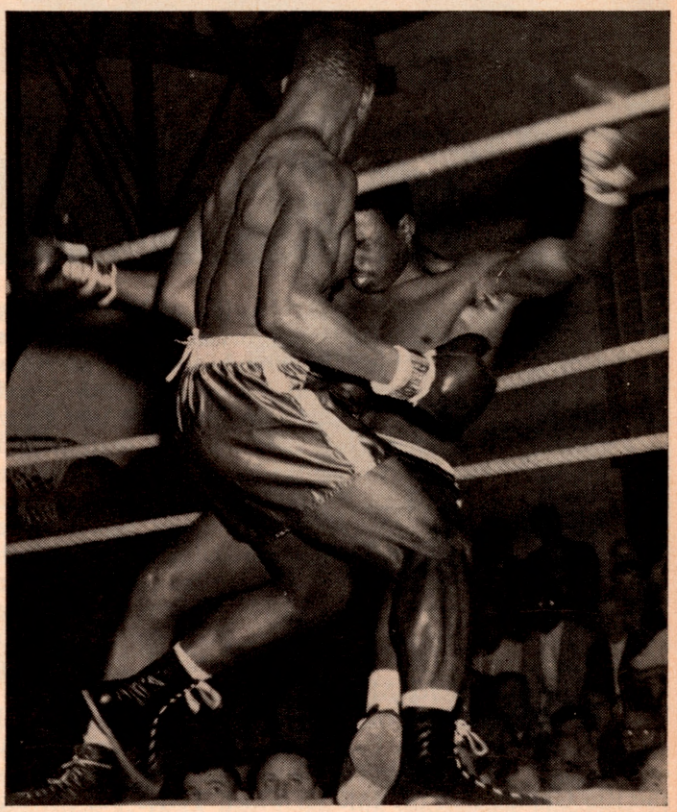
Welterweight Willie Briggs was the big winner nabbing three decisions and veteran featherweight Bobby Kishimoto grabbed off two. Heavyweight Chauncey Whittle also copped two wins.

Bob Conard, inter-service middleweight king, and Scandinavian champ Teofil Pollex fought the best fight of the trip with Conard gaining a hard fought victory.

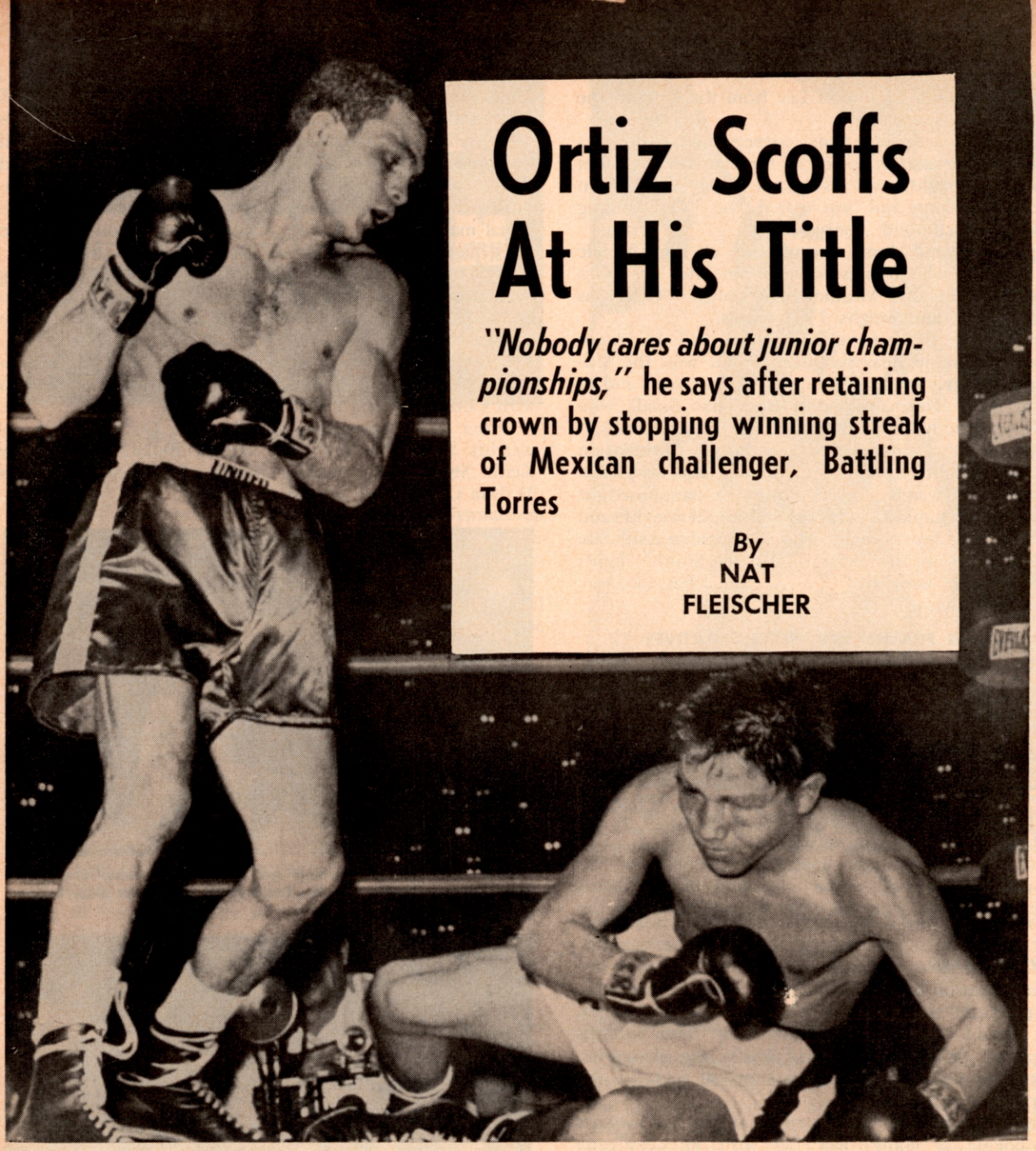
Other winning pugilists for the 24th Div. included flyweights Smith Maxwell and Wilson Bullock, light-welter Keith Steffen, light-middle Martin Mack, middleweight Wilson Gilbert and light-heavy Jacob Ross.



Donald Townsend seen belting out unanimous decision over Jose Martin, during Fort Bliss vs Fort Hood bouts which took place at Fort Bliss, Texas.



Amos Griffin, Camp Lee heavyweight, holder of the Virginia crown, who will compete in the Second Army Championships this winter. In the above he is seen knocking out his opponent, a Roanoke heavyweight, in the third round.



Ortiz Scoffs At His Title

"Nobody cares about junior championships," **he says after retaining crown by stopping winning streak of Mexican challenger, Battling Torres**

By NAT FLEISCHER

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—Joy and gaiety gave way to heartaches and heartburns in the Los Angeles Coliseum as Battling Raymundo Torres, Mexico's leading lightweight, was knocked out in the tenth round of his junior welterweight title match with Carlos Ortiz of Puerto Rico and New York, in the second portion of a double header staged by Cal and Aileen Eaton and George Parnassus. The kayo followed a great victory by Jose Becerra, who successfully defended his world bantam title by lowering the boom on Alphonse Halimi in the ninth round. Mexican fans furnished the greater portion of the 31,830 spectators who paid $383,060, a record California gate. They went wild over Becerra but were crest-fallen when they saw Torres, their other national hero, being counted out by Referee Mushy Callahan.

It was a bitter pill for them to swallow. They had figured on a double celebration but had to be content with only one victory. One couldn't convince the fans from across the Rio Grande that the title for which Torres was striving was synthetic, not universally recognized. To them he was getting a chance to win the world crown and his downfall meant a lot to their pride.

The vaunted power in the left hook of Raymundo failed him in his bid for Carlos' title, but for a youngster who has not yet reached his eighteenth birthday, he did pretty well for himself with a guarantee of $22,500. The kid, who, if not rushed too quickly looms as a future champ, gave it a valiant try, but Carlos had the class, experience, ammunition and coolness to gain a stunning, sensational triumph. Although Torres went into the ring with loads of backing, other than his punching power he failed to display enough to warrant the heavy support he received.

The Torres-Ortiz bout, like its predecessor, turned into a war. The Mexican, previously unbeaten in 31 fights, failed because of lack of experience. He has been rushed. Against Ortiz, he put up a great battle in the early rounds but received a shellacking toward the end. He proved an easy target for sharp shooting Carlos, yet showed enough, both in hitting power and strength, to indicate that if matched more carefully against talent his equal, he'll be up close to the top in a year.

As for his rival, he is at his peak. He gave a beautiful display of ring cleverness. He was effective, with accurate, sharp hits. He was cool under fire, took Torres' best

wallops without flinching and in many respects reminded the veterans of the classy ringwork of Barney Ross, Jimmy McLarnin and Tony Canzoneri. If what he showed against Torres, a terrific body punisher, is a criterion, Ortiz is ready to take Joe Brown.

The manufactured title he holds, enabled him to pick up a healthy $17,500 purse. So impressed was George Parnassus with his triumph and the manner in which his victory was greeted by the throng, that he wired an offer of $100,000 for Joe Brown to defend his lightweight title against Carlos.

The only reason the synthetic championship has been revived, is because the National Boxing Association insisted that fighters like Ortiz, Torres and Kenny Lane among others, couldn't quite make the lightweight class and were too light for the welter, yet Carlos scaled only 137 and his opponent one pound more. Each is a legitimate lightweight.

"Nobody cares about the championship I hold. It means little," said Ortiz when discussing his future with Parnassus. *"Sure I got my biggest pay day because I hold a title, but everyone scoffs at the junior divisions. I'm a lightweight and I want to fight for the lightweight title,"* he continued. *"Brown is keeping it in deep freeze. I hope after what I accomplished in my fight with Torres, a tough boy, the boxing authorities will force Brown to give me a shot at the lightweight championship. Nobody cares about junior welterweights."*

Which is an excellent reason why they should be abolished again.

Torres, who earned the shot at Ortiz on the strength of his wallop and knockouts he scored over Johnny Busso and Frankie Ryff, quickly learned that in Ortiz he was confronted by a master. Ortiz displayed mastery in everything he did. His timing, hitting and defense were all that could be desired.

Several times Torres rocked the champ but couldn't land the knockout punch. The most effective weapon of the champion in the early rounds was his left jab which tantalyzed Torres. The Mexicans, who earlier had gone daffy over Becerra's performance, sat sadly in the vast arena as Carlos, boxing beautifully, a picture boxer of the old Benny Leonard school, hit and jabbed and wore down the Reynosa Ripper as Torres is dubbed.

Round after round Torres kept boring in, trying desperately to land his knockout punch as he had in 24 out of his 32 bouts, but couldn't succeed. Three times he did sent Carlos stingers that had Ortiz backing away, seeking shelter, but Carlos' strategy prevailed and by degrees he slowed down the Mexican, preparing him for the coup-de-grace.

Bleeding from his left eye, Torres found that an additional handicap. Yet he kept coming forth until a left hook nailed him in the tenth. That punch landed with terrific force on the chin and the Mexican collapsed.

Referee Callahan counted nine before Torres slowly scrambled to his feet but Mushy waved his arms as the fateful ten had by now been tolled and the fight was over. The Mexican's second yelled to Mushy that their boy had beaten the count, but lucky for Torres that Callahan saw it as did the spectators—a clean knockout.

In the round before the finish Torres showed his weariness. The bounce he had displayed in the earlier rounds had left him and his punches failed to carry the steam he needed to connect with a TNT blow. But the young Reynosa battler didn't disgrace himself. He fought bravely, but learned that it takes more than hitting power when one faces an opponent of Ortiz's merit, to win a battle.

Ortiz was well ahead on the score cards of all officials, with Referee Callahan giving Ortiz seven rounds, one to Torres and one even for a tally of 88 to 80 points. Judge Frankie Van gave Torres two rounds and tabbed one even for an 88 to 81 score and Judge Lee Grossman had Torres ahead in only one round and one was called even for an 89 to 80 count.

My card showed Torres behind 88 to 81. I gave Torres only one round.

Although the Torres-Ortiz fight was secondary to the feature, there was as much talk about Ortiz' masterly performance as there was about the sensational knockout of Halimi. It was generally agreed that he was the classiest fighter on the card.

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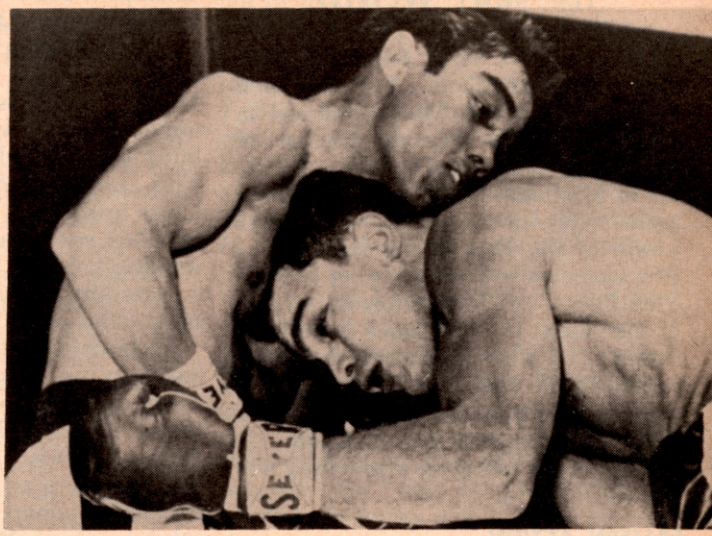

Carlos Ortiz, of Puerto Rico, Jr. Welter champ (right) moves in close to mix it up with his challenger, Battling Torres of Mexico. The champ faced a determined opponent but one too inexperienced.

Torres (left) attempts to elbow his way into the Jr. Title but Ortiz' nose gets in the way. The champ evened matters by flooring Torres in tenth for full count.

Ortiz holds his victory fists in air after his tenth round kayo of Battling Torres which took place in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

THE MAT WORLD

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Canada area, is being billed as Eddie Auger in Montreal. . . . Bob Russell is being billed as the Masked Marvel in Beantown while Frankie Scarpa, of Boston, is being billed as Manuel Cortez in Montreal. . . . Don Beitelman is again expected to team with Mark Lewin in the East in the future. . . . Abe Coleman is a wrestling ref in New York City. . . . Tony Altomare, who is in the East, is a lifeguard in the off season. . . . The Arabian Sheik has returned to the East from Michigan. . . . Another wrestler who is billed as the Zebra Kid is appearing in England. . . . Kenny Ackles called off a proposed trip to England.

EASTERN ACTION

By Earle Yetter

Fan Clubs bring the tidings that bigger gates have been in evidence during the early part of 1960. Television has paid a prominent part in this interest on the part of thousands of new fans who have never before seen wrestling.

Taking a leading part in this resurgence is Promoter Pedro Martinez.

As this goes to press, the Gallagher Brothers, Doc and Mike, those two gallant Gaelich Gargantuans are defending their laurels as the leading tag team in the country. In the past year they have climbed right to the pinnacle in tag team circles and they stand ready to oppose any team in the country who dares dispute their superiority.

The sensational success of Billy (Red) Lyons of Toronto is still on the tongues of the fans, who saw Lyons jump from preliminary bouts to feature status in a short space of a couple weeks.

He surprsed everybody includng himself when he brought to an end the winning streak of Fritz von Erich. In a rematch he again defeated Von Erich in a pier six brawl which fans will remember for a long time to come . . . and so, overnight a new star was born.

Yukon Eric, who wrestled his first pro bout in the East in Buffalo, N. Y. back in the early 40's, continues to amaze the fans with his super-human displays of strength. Fame and fortune have not turned the head of "The Powerhouse of the Klondike".

Fred Atkins, "The Strong-Man" from Sydney, Australia, is one of the real veterans of the mat sport. Here is a grappler in his middle 40's who can count his losses on his fingers and he is one of the strongest competitors in the business. Atkins has opposed the best during his brilliant career and has the privilege of having wrestled eight former world champions including Lou Thesz, Pat O'Connor, Bill Longson, Yvon Robert, Dick Hutton, Frank Sexton, Whipper Billy Watson. Last September in Toledo he wrestled Champion Pat O'Connor to a draw but almost stripped O'Connor of his title.

Chief Chewacki, the Mischievous Miscreant from the rolling hills of North Carolina is just about the most unpredictable grappler to come shambling down the line in a blue moon. This strolling Gypsy Vagabond was in Cuba early last year when Castro's rebellion was in full swing. He had the unmitigated gall to challenge Fidel to a wrestling match. P.S.—the match never came off.

In Buffalo, N. Y., Roy LeBarron, an authority on amateur and professional wrestling and a photographer has published a book called "Wrestling, The King of Sports", which is vividly portrayed with over 100 photos of posed and action pictures taken in Buffalo and other points in New York State.

Don Eagle, former World Heavyweight Champion, is now campaigning in the East under Promoter Martinez's banner and confidently expects to some day sit once again on the World Championship Throne.

CANADIAN NEWS

Quite a controversy is existing in Canada at the present time as the Board of Broadcast Governors have issued a specific ban against rigged shows. The new Canadian rule of the Broadcast Governors reads: *"No station or network shall broadcast any contest or program purporting to be a contest, the results of which are known in advance of, or are known to have been determined in advance of such contest or program."*

Asked whether or not the ban would rule out TV wrestling, Chairman Dr. Andrew Stewart laughed and said: *"That's one we haven't given any thought to."*

"Wrestling televised in Toronto over CBLT-TV is as fine and unfixed as the Olympic Games", Promoter Frank Tunney said recently. *"The Board of Broadcast Governors' new rule banning predetermined contests from TV will not affect us at all. I have no knowledge of any wrestling bout I promoted at Maple Leaf Gardens ever being fixed. Mind you, I can't swear it doesn't happen, but if it does, I don's know about it,"* concluded Tunney. Promoter Tunney described wrestling as "athletic showmanship" and insisted that there are no rehearsals.

Whipper Billy Watson has had his ups and downs during his brilliant career on the mat and currently he is smiling once more as he and Fiery Ilio Di Paolo, the Italian sensation, are the new Canadian Open Tag Team Champions, having toppled the team of Gene Kiniski and Don Leo Jonathan in one of the most hectic bouts ever seen in Toronto's Maple Leaf Garden.

Sam Steamboat, Hawaiian star and protege of Lou Thesz continues with amazing bouts in the province of Ontario. In his maneuvers can be seen the handiwork of the former world champion and the Hawaiian has captured the fancy of the fans everywhere. His specialty hold is a reverse shoulder stand which he has used in many of his wins.

Don Jardine from Moncton, New Brunswick, is another likeable newcomer, who is coming along in leaps and bounds under the tutelage of Whipper Billy Watson.

Another flashy performer is Bernard (Frenchy) Vignal, who appears to have many of the maneuvers of Edouard Carpentier, the spectacular Frenchman.

Up in Regina, Saskatoon, Bob Leonard has been doing a miraculous job as promotion and publicity director for Promoter George (Porky) Jacobs, who books thrilling matches in Regina and a number of smaller arenas. Performers such as Luther Lindsay, Don Kindred, The Great (Rag Mop) Eric, Johnny Foti, Tiger Joe Tomasso, Larry Kasaboski, Nelson Royal, Emil Koverly, brother of George (KO) Koverly who was in his heyday in the middle forties, Dave Ruhl, Joe Konno and a host of other favorites have been keeping things humming in Regina.

Don Eagle, the sensational Mohawk Indian is now displaying his mat wizardry in Canada, his home country.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING

By Gene Gordon

Haystack Calhoun, giant 625 pound Hillbilly was too much beef for even husky Duke Hoffman to handle. The huge fellow defeated Hoffman in short order at Charlottes Park Center. Karl Von Hess, German mat meanie who rates as the Number One villain in the area outroughed Tony Angleo, a strong Italian, to win the semi-final bout.

Gypsy Joe and Fred Fraley have both returned to action. Each one had the misfortune to be sidelined for sometime due to broken legs suffered late last year.

Billy Two Rivers is due to return to the Carolinas soon. The popular Mohawk Indian is back in his native Canada after a tour of England. Returned to the Carolinas after an absence of several months are Bobby Christy, Antone (Ripper) Leone, and Jungle Boy Tom Bradley. Colorful Joe Kopa is a friendly little guy outside the ring. He likes to entertain his friends with his art of eating glass. Also he is a fire eater and chews razor blades into bits.

Fred Blassie, current Southern States Heavyweight Singles Champion met a tough foe in the clever Ray Gunkel during a title bout in Atlanta won by Blassie after a hectic battle. Others in Atlanta who are after Blassie's title are Mike Paidousis, Dick Steinborn,

Ed Sharpe, Don McIntyre, and others. Blassie, one of the toughest around has held the Southern belt as many as five different times.

Tor Yamato, one of the most hated and rugged individuals ever to don a pair of tights is still the top villain in the Tennessee area. Known as a terror in the ring, the Jap creates riots everywhere he appears.

WRESTLING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
By Mike Geary

Vince McMahon continues to pack them in at Capitol Arena each Thursday night with occasional special shows at Uline Arena.

In recent matches, Doctor Jerry Graham and Johnny Valentine retained their tag-team championship in one of the roughest brawls seen around this area in some time. This time against 601 pounder Haystack Calhoun and Chief Big Heart as the feature event at Uline Arena.

Bearcat Wright made short work of an enraged Karl Von Hess, disposing of the German in four minutes flat, with a series of dropkicks and a body press.

In a tag-team match for the distaff side, Pat Lyda and the popular Judy Grable beat Peggy Allen and Margie Ramsey.

The new big hero about town, Italian strongman Bruno Sammartino won over veteran Skull Murphy. Luis Martinez and Vic Christy wrestled to a draw and Brown Panther pinned Pee Wee James to round out the card.

At Capitol Arena, it was Graham and Valentine again in the feature event and for his team mate on this occassion, Chief Big Heart was paired with Red Bastien. Doctor Jerry and the TV Champ took the match to hold on to the tag-team championship which they claim.

Bruno Sammartino took two straight falls from Al Smith and as agreed before the match, the barber climbed over the ropes and administered the coup de grace, which amounted to shaving off Smith's sideburns. Al was out cold at the time and didn't know too much about it.

The Iron Russians won over Arnold Skoaland and Gregory Jacques in a tag team match. Francois Valois beat Rocky Colombo and Luis Martinez wrestled Skull Murphy to a curfew draw.

In other Capitol Arena action, Chief Big Heart and Argentina Zuma beat the team of Jerry Graham and Chet Wallick, in strictly knock-down and drag-out tactics. This was the feature attraction of the evening.

In other matches, Bruno Sammartino continued the march and was an easy winner over Gregory Jacques.

Arnold Skoaland and Luis Martinez were defeated by the Iron Russians.

SCENE IN MONTREAL
By Gill Smith

The perennial feud between Nature Boy Buddy Rogers, of Camden, N. J., and Killer Kowalski, of Montreal, broke out anew at the Forum and once again Rogers' Figure four leglock proved too much for the giant Killer. Buddy was awarded the bout when Kowalski was unable to continue in the third fall, after they had each won a fall apiece.

The aggressive Kowalski started out in dynamic fashion, swooping down from the top rope to catch blond Buddy across the throat with his knee for the opening fall win. Rogers was temporarily out of business.

When they resumed, Kowalski bashed Buddy around in confident fashion and in a relatively few minutes had the New Jerseyite set up again for another knee action. Springing again to the top strand, the Killer plunged downward at the prostrate Rogers, only to have Buddy roll suddenly away, and Kowalski's knee crunched into the tightly drawn canvas. In a matter of split seconds, Rogers pounced on the gaint, put full pressure on the injured knee and snapped on the leg-hold, to bring the score to one fall each.

However, Kowalski protested so violently that Rogers' was using illegal tactics, that Referee Marchessault actually was in agreement with him at the conclusion of that second stanza.

As the Killer attempted to regain strength in his corner after the 2nd fall it appeared as though the referee was about to tag Rogers with a disqualification. But Buddy took his turn at protesting and the third fall was begun. Kowalski hobbled out on legs that apparently were giving him much pain, in fact, practically crawling to ring center for a last effort. He was obviously unable to continue and the bout was awarded to Rogers. Kowalski weighed 260. Rogers was 238½.

A semifinal tag-team battle had the brothers Kalmikoff, Ivan, 230, and Karl, 235, overcoming Mark Lewin, 230, Buffalo and partner Sweet Daddy Siki, 220, West Indies, two falls out of three. It was a rousing affair, with the Russian brother team in some tight spots along the way and they may have been helped to victory by the fact that Lewin was making his second appearance of the night, having scored a win in a preliminary. Siki however, was the one who was pinned for the deciding fall.

Argentina Rocca, 232 pound human replica of the Flying Saucer and gangling giant "Killer" Kowalski, 260, refused the referee's urgings to confine their battling to inside the ring, and fought tooth and nail all around the ringside before incurring the disqualification that hung the "no contest" tag on the match. Prior to referee Sammy Mack's decision, they had each won a fall in some spectacular milling.

In a special Judo Professional Match, Bobby Managoff, 234, Chicago, overcame The Great Kato, 225, Japan, with a choke hold that brought some lively protest from the Jap who demanded Bobby's disqualification. The announced rules of the match were that pin falls did not count and a win would be scored when one contestant either conceded or was unconscious.

Kato appeared to have the best of the opening five minutes, until he ran into Managoff's head scissors. The rules began going out the window about then as Managoff doffed the jacket that both were required to wear throughout. Bobby then went after Kato with elbow smashes and the long-haired Kato jumped out to the ring apron to protest the tactics.

He was dragged back into the enclosure by the Chicagoan however, who then dropped him with another series of elbow smashes and clamped on the choke hold which caused the Jap to concede at the nine minute mark.

A midget team match was also featured on this action filled card. The pint-sized pair of Tiny Tim-Richard LeMarin tossed the miniature combine of Billy The Kid and Irish Kid in a whirlwind match that saw a real display of good wrestling by the little fellows. There were body slams galore, as the 90 pounders bounced all over the mat in a crowd pleasing event.

Other bouts: Featured Ivan Kalmikoff, 230, Russia, again doing a singleton without brother Karl, and he took the measure of Gino Bravo, 240 pound Italian after 10.56 minutes of grappling. Kalmikoff started his good looking opponent on the way to defeat with a hammerlock, floored him with elbow smashes, then borrowed a Killer Kowalski tactic, by jumping from the top rope of his own corner onto the downed Bravo for the pinning process.

"YOU GO GET HIM. I DRAGGED HIM IN LAST ROUND . . ."

QUERIES ANSWERED BY THE RING STAFF

MARTIN LEWIS, PORTLAND, OREGON

Q—How many times did Benny Leonard and Freddie Welsh box?

A—*Three times. Twice they fought 10 rounds, no decision bouts and the third time Benny won the title, knocking out Welsh in the ninth round (Get a Ring Record Book).*

CARL ARLISS, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Q—Was there a middleweight named Bobby Pacho?

A—*Yes. He was a good fighter. He came from El Centro, Cal., and later moved and fought throughout the U. S.*

FRANK SUTLER, CHARLESTON, S. C.

Q—You have often referred to the Horton Law? What was this law?

A—*You will find it fully explained under New York Boxing Laws in the Ring Record Book. It permitted boxing in New York to be staged without limit to the number of rounds and with a decision. No license was required. It was passed in 1896 and was repealed in 1900.*

SAM SCHLIVNICK, NORFOLK, VA.

Q—May a fighter whose manager has been suspended or whose manager's license has been revoked, continue to fight?

A—*Yes. If his manager is suspended the boxer doesn't suffer as a result. If the license is revoked, he can act as his own manager. In either case if he is not involved in what has brought about his manager's difficulties, he can arrange his own fights and sign for them himself without obligation to the manager.*

MAX HORLICK, BOSTON, MASS.

Q—Is Paul Pender the recognized world champion middleweight anywhere other than in Massachusetts and New York?

A—*Yes—in all of Europe. The European Boxing Union did not declare Robinson's title vacant prior to his fight with Pender in which Pender beat Ray.*

ALEX COMPTON, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Q—What states permit guest officials?

A—*Few. It is a matter of discretion with the Boxing Commission of any state. Most refuse to permit outside officials. Some have from time to time, to aid the promotion, accepted such. For example in Indiana at the Patterson vs. London fight, the Indiana Board brought in an Illinois referee. Dempsey, Marciano, Louis, Loughran, Barney Ross, Braddock, among others have received referee assignments in states where in ordinary contests, local officials have previously been on duty. Nevada, Texas, Indiana, Washington, Utah, Colorado are among those that have permitted the importation of outside officials.*

HAROLD DOBY, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Q—How come the Promoter Viscusi is permitted to act as a promoter and as a manager? Isn't that against the rules?

A—*Yes it is but it is wholly a matter for the state commission to decide.*

DONALD FINLETTER, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Q—I am hazy about the rule on knockdowns. If a boxer is put down and gets up at the count of six, then drops immediately down again, shouldn't he be disqualified? If both boxers trip, what should be the procedure of the referee?

A—*No, he should not be disqualified. The rules state that in such a case as you mention, the referee must resume the count, starting where he had left off. Thus he would start the count at seven. If however, a fighter goes down without being struck, the official has the right to disqualify him. That is different from what you mention.*

As for the trip, the referee should help get each boxer to his feet, wipe off the gloves of each if they have touched the resin floor and have the fight resumed. No count is necessary since neither was downed by any punch.

THOMAS McCARTHY, LONG BEACH, CAL.

Q—Can a serviceman who fought once as a pro enter the service championships?

A—*Not under the regulations. All competitors are required to be bonafide amateurs. Those in charge of the tournament scrutinize closely the records of the entrants to make certain there are no ringers-pros. However, in camp company competition it is up to the Service Officer to decide eligibility. A pro usually is assigned to help teach his fellow servicemen.*

SUSAN McGARRY, TYLER, TEXAS

Q—How many knockdowns did Joe Louis suffer in his entire career?

A—*Ten. He was knocked down twice by Schmeling; once by Braddock; once by Buddy Baer; once by Tony Galento; three times by Jersey Joe Walcott and twice by Marciano when Joe had attempted a comeback. The Ring Record Book is a handy volume for answers to such queries.*

EMIL STRAUSS, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Q—Did Art Aragon fight at any time for the welterweight title?

A—*No, he fought Jimmy Carter for the lightweight crown.*

STANLEY DUGGAN, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Q—Why are junior titles not universally recognized?

A—*Because the championships are meaningless. The junior titles have been revived for the benefit of certain commissions and managers.*

When Lane and Carlos Ortiz fought for the junior welter crown in New York, the only reason New York revived the division was to help the Madison Square Garden Club and Jack Kearns who figured that by calling the bout a title bout, the gate would be increased. But no sooner did Ortiz win, than both he and Lane issued a defi to the welterweight champion to fight for his crown.

When Ortiz stopped Torres, he said that the junior titles are worthless. "I'm a legitimate lightweight and want to fight Brown for that title," he declared.

SAMUEL McINTOSH, DENVER, COLO.

Q—Is every punch that lands on the side of the body, a foul kidney punch? Were the punches that Pender landed on the back of Ray Robinson's head rabbit punches?

A—*A kidney punch is foul only when a fighter is holding and hitting. If both his hands are free, then it is up to his opponent to protect himself against such tosses.*

Yes, there were at least a half dozen foul rabbit punches landed by Pender and quite a few by Robinson yet neither was warned at any time. The referee apparently considered them fair blows.

MICHAEL STARDINSKI, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Q—What did Jimmy McLarnin weigh when he fought Sid Terris of New York?

A—*Jimmy scaled 133½ pounds.*

AGNES STEWART, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Q—When Jack Sharkey lost to Max Schmeling on a foul, was Schmeling or Sharkey the world heavyweight champion who was defending the title?

A—*Neither was champion. It was a final elimination to decide who would succeed Gene Tunney as champion after Tunney had retired. Schmeling won the title on a foul.*

HARRY FISCHLER, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Q—How many boxing commissioners are there in our State?

A—*There are five commissioners, each from a different locality, a number of deputies and inspectors and an investigator.*

PAUL PENDER . . . .

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He was speaking of the girl he married after a romance that began back in Brookline, Massachusetts High School when Paul was a swimmer and an all-scholastic end on the football team.

Pender at twenty-nine has learned to treasure the good breaks. They have been few and far between. The years have been long, lean, and hard.

His big ambition after high school was to become a physical education director and he was offered several college scholarships toward this end, but as so often happens, he passed up his big chance. Just why isn't clear. Perhaps marriage had something to do with his decision to become a politician and he spent several years at Staley College in Brookline with that as his goal. He then ran for Park Commissioner in Brookline but failed to make it.

He became a member of the Brookline Fire Department and slipped off on weekends to work as a longshoreman. This added money to the family larder which at its best saw a top pay check of $92 from the civil service job.

At the time of his winning the world title Paul had passed his exams and was on the list to become a police officer in his local town.

The number of smashes life has fed to him is perhaps best seen by a look at his nose. It is bashed to the left side of his face like a piece of silly putty, not much like the nose he started out with in life.

This may be the reason for his dislike of the game that has finally allowed him immediate escape from every day drudgery.

Recently Pender blasted boxing as a racket-ridden business. Called before the Massachusetts State boxing commission, he recanted, but in his talks with those covering the fistic beat, he has never disguised his bitter feelings toward boxing.

How is this likely to guide his ring future?

"I've had my hands busted seven times, the right four, left three. I'm no longer a kid. All I want is to take home a bundle and call it quits . . . the other guys can have the glory," says Pender.

Anyone wanting to get a bet on the chances of Pender becoming a champ between 1952 to 1958 would have been chased out of the bookie's sight as being a fit case for a white jacket.

As early as 1951 the signs were there that Pender was "out to lunch" insofar as being a top notcher.

A loss and a draw with Joe Rindone didn't add to his stock although the loss gave him his largest purse up to his outing with Robinson . . . $6,000. In his next fight he was knocked out by Eugene Hairston in three heats. His wife walked out as he was being belted into submission and to this day refuses to enter an arena.

When Paul fights she stays at home, fiddles with the radio, turning it on and off, and prays for his success and well-being.

In 1952 Pender had one fight, which ended in his being kayoed by Jimmy Beau in five rounds. He left the ring for two-and-one-half years, returning in August of 1954. He fought twice in 1954 and twice in 1955 for coffee money.

His last sockeroo in 1955 was with Gene Fullmer, a losing one over ten rounds. His hands were still plaguing him. He went into the contest with a bad left and in the third round broke his right. The remainder of the contest he fought with nerve.

Paul was out of boxing again, this time until December 4, 1956 when with two bad hands he bested Jimmy Skinner.

"A guy can't make it big with hands like these," said Paul in the dressing room after the Skinner bout and once again he was through.

Now he was with the Brookline Fire Department and in all his time with them his one regret is: *"Not once in all my time with the hook and ladder boys did we have one four alarmer"*. He was referring to the size of fires.

He's been a jack of many trades. Recently in his modest second floor, seven room apartment, in a gray shingled house in Brookline, he was waxing philosophic.

"Some of those early days were tough ones. I remember being a boxing instructor, let's see, that was back in 1952, when I was a Corporal in the Marine Corps at Cherry Point and then at Jacksonville.

"Even then I was taking it on the chin, and the pay wasn't too much."

Paul may be bitter but he's not sorry for himself. He lights up with warmth when his two kids, Paul Jr., five, and Joyce, two and a half, are mentioned. As far as he is concerned it's all been worth his slugging it out with fate.

What brought him back into the ring? When he found he possessed a pair of iron dukes instead of the plaster kind that chipped at every opportunity.

Paul was off duty early one night and not being adverse to a night on the town, invited his wife out to a neighboring hot spot in Everett. It seems that there were three wise guys loitering around the bar. Exactly what was said, to whom, and why, has had several interpretations, no two of which agree. But the fact does remain that Pender walloped hell out of all three with no injury to his hands.

The next act took place in the office of his manager, Johnny Buckley. No novice at his occupation at seventy-four, having guided the ring destinies of two world title holders, Jack Sharkey and Lou Brouillard, Buckley changed the scene of the meeting upstairs to the gymnasium when he found that Pender's hands were no longer fragile. Pender found himself training for his most recent comeback . . . the one that led him to the middleweight title.

Paul is no fool. He is articulate, if a little ungrammatical; he is good copy. But his rags to riches yarn and his own colorful personality are not in tune with the way he plys his trade in the ring. He has been less of a crowd pleaser and more of a cutie than the public likes.

He considers himself lucky that he was able to make it big before he tripped on his own grey beard and did all his swinging from a rocking chair.

He knows that he is no Robinson or Archie Moore, who go on like rare old wines for what is seemingly forever.

He wishes that he had a better education, that he had something to turn to this time, when he hangs up his gloves. He has experienced what it means to quit the ring without sufficient book larnin' or trade to turn to. This he knows, and realizing that this is his last trip to the well, he intends to fill up his pail with all the loot hanging around.

An interesting sidelight is how he was discovered by Red Priest, a top Boston fighter a few years back. Red first saw Paul in a smoker as a simon pure when Red was acting as a referee.

Priest was so interested that he ran all the way back to see Buckley and passed on his feelings: *"This kid is a great prospect,"* said Red.

Never one to let money grow underfoot without picking up a cabbage leaf or two, Johnny wasted no time signing up the man whom he has at last led to the middleweight crown.

A good looking kid who wears his dark hair parted in the middle in typical son of Erin fashion, Pender has often been criticized for his enjoyment of barley corn to which he has avidly stated his denial. His manager, in recent talks went on record blaming Pender's early losses in the ring to this factor as much as to his bad hands.

True or false, Pender proved he was in top physical condition the night he scraped the crown off the aging Robinson's skull.

And as far as Paul is concerned, regardless of those bad days when he repeatedly gave up the ring he feels that those many ring layoffs did him no harm.

"Maybe I haven't made much money up to now", he said, *"But I've finally made it home and I have all my marbles up here,"* he tapped his head.

"If I had been fighting all those

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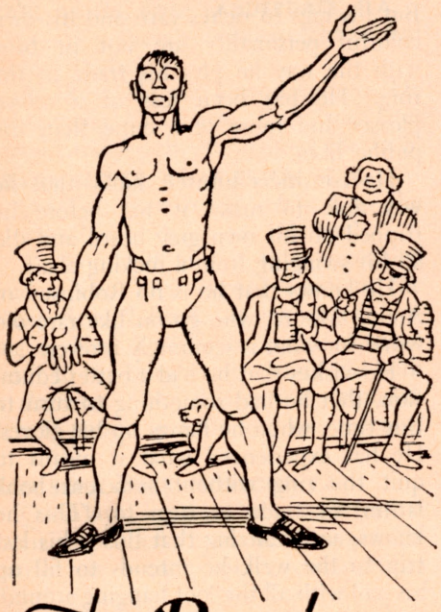
APRIL

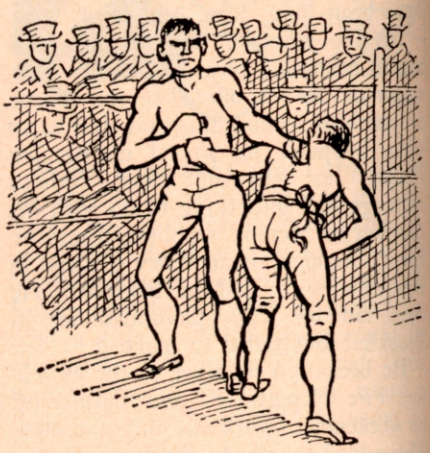
"Thumps follow thumps, and blows succeeding blows, Swell the black eye, and crush the bleeding nose; Beneath the pond'rous fist the jaw-bone cracks, And the cheeks ring with their redoubled thwacks!"



The Bruisers of old England

APRIL 1, 1818

THOMAS WINTER SPRING defeated brave NED PAINTER ~31 ROUNDS~ ··Mickleham Downs, near Leatherhead, in Surrey··

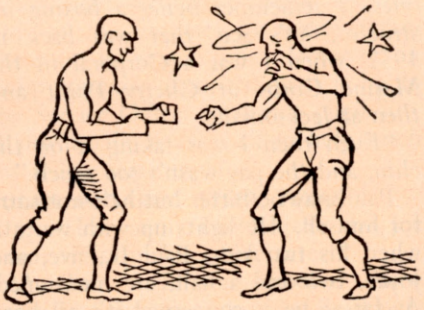


APRIL 3, 1817

JACK RANDALL ~the Terrible Randall~ beat "West Country Dick ~the Navigator" ~ 29 ROUNDS ~ 33 minutes and a half. ···Moulsey, in Surrey···

APRIL 7, 1829

First fight between YOUNG DUTCH SAM (Samuel Evans) and NED NEALE ~"the Streatham Youth"~ at Ludlow, in Shropshire, ~won by Sam in the 78th ROUND~



APRIL 11, 1750

The GRAND boxing match between the celebrated Broughton, hitherto invincible, and Jack Slack, the Norfolk butcher. Won by Slack after 14 minutes – to the great mortification of the knowing ones·· Odds were 10 to 1 in favor of Broughton···

APRIL 15, 1795

~In his THIRD and LAST fight, Mr. JOHN JACKSON ~whipped DANIEL MENDOZA – 9 rounds Hornchurch, in Essex

APRIL 17, 1860

The great international contest between TOM SAYERS and JOHN C. HEENAN which ended in a draw - 42 rounds ··· Farnborough ···

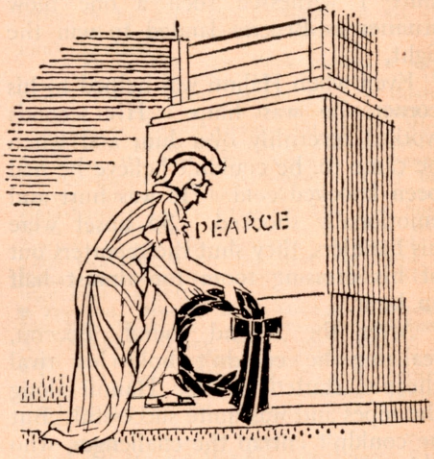
Amazing is the fact that Sayers fought the *last* 37 ROUNDS without the use of his right arm -- a tendon had been fractured!

APRIL 27, 1805

HEN PEARCE "the Game Chicken" easily beat CARTE "the Birmingham Bruiser" Shepperton Common, Surrey

APRIL 29, 1828

NED NEALE and NED BALDWIN - against whose proposed battle warrants were out -- nevertheless fought a furious 84-ROUND DRAW ··· Hatchard's Lane, in Wingfield



APRIL 30, 1809

The end of the "Game Chicken" -- Untimely death of the gallant, undefeated HEN PEARCE - when only 32 - · St. Martin's Lane, London ·

BECERRA IN DRAMATIC FINISH

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74, respectively for the Frenchman. My tally was 76 to 74 for Halimi. The challenger had given a splendid exhibition of boxing and the contest had been a tense, exciting match intermingled with cleverness and hard hitting in which the challenger played the greater part.

But that one left hook that landed with such crushing power shortly after the fatal round started, was Becerra's equalizer. Halimi was flipped flat on his back. It was apparent he couldn't rise on time. Though dazed and helpless, he tried and finally rolled on his side and reached for the ropes as Referee Hart completed the ten count.

The seventh round was the turning point of the fight. Halimi showed signs of fatigue from the hot pace he and his rival had set, and he took a number of punishing left hooks to the head that were breaking through his guard, though even in that round he was clearly outboxing the champion. He had not only outboxed Becerra in almost every round but traded punches with him when pinned against the ropes.

His best rounds were the second and sixth, each of which he won. He scored a knockdown for a one count in the second round, though Becerra later insisted it was a slip. A right hook to the body dropped the Mexican.

One blow had turned the tide against a challenger who was riding high. But it takes only one good punch to end a fight and many years have elapsed since I witnessed such a one blow stunner as Becerra landed to win the fight.

Even when Halimi was helped to his corner, he was limp. His seconds worked feverishly over him and when he came to, he couldn't believe he had been knocked cold. He was hurt and emotionally shocked. So upset were his handlers, they shut the reporters out of his dressing room for almost half an hour.

After the second round, Becerra, realizing he couldn't hold his rival cheaply, started to cage Halimi along the ropes and was quite successful. But he couldn't entrap the challenger, who either used his speed to get out of range of boby tosses or engaged Becerra in a blow-for-blow match. Often he grasped Jose around the waist and held until ordered to break and then like a flash, Halimi was dancing around the ring, tossing effective jabs and avoiding close contact.

In the eight round Halimi missed a long left and before he could get set again, Becerra unloaded two beautiful lefters to the jaw that almost upset the Frenchman. He followed with two to the mid-section but the bell halted the attack and Halimi was saved for another round.

When he got to his corner, his seconds admonished him for mixing it. *"Keep boxing—box always"*—they kept shouting at him in French.

But the Frenchman's pride seemed to dictate to him what to do. He had been going pretty well up to now with his combination boxing and slugging, and apparently he had no intention to drop the latter at this stage. That's where he made his big mistake.

The bell clanged and Becerra rushed from his corner. They feinted and Halimi tossed a right that missed. Becerra, the aggressor, came in and landed a solid right to the body. Halimi showed the effects by wincing, but he didn't go down. Quick as a flash came the left hook that brought shouts of joy from the 20,000 or more Mexicans who had come to cheer their hero, and groans from the supporters of Halimi.

Becerra in his dressing room interviews insisted that a double left hook is what enabled him to stop the curly-haired little Frenchman for the second time, but neither Referee Hart nor most of the ringside reporters agreed with him.

"I had a pretty good view," Hart said, *"and I don't care what Becerra says. It was a terrific right to the heart that stopped Halimi in his tracks and the left hook that followed, with full leverage, caught Halimi on the chin to end the bout. I know that Halimi never heard my count. He was out cold despite his attempt to raise himself."*

Elated with the record receipts and California's record crowd in the historic international promotion, the Eatons and Matchmaker Parnassus set their eyes on future promotions for the same arena with Becerra's services their main objective. Though Battling Torres has his big Mexican following, moon-faced little Jose was the big lure that attracted the huge gate with its net income of $334,467.93 out of which the principals received only a guarantee since they were not working on a percentage.

Becerra and Halimi each received $30,000 plus expenses; Torres, $22,000 and Ortiz, $17,500. With a rental fee of $25,000 and possible promotion figures running into another $60,000, there was plenty remaning for the Eatons and Parnassus who did a swell job and handled the affair as did Mike Jacobs when he staged four championships on one card.

Becerra was offered a world featherweight title bout with Davey Moore, but turned it down. Parnassus then offered to match Jose with Leo Espinosa of the Philippines and Pancho Rosales, Jose's manager, declared he would accept that but wouldn't permit Becerra to defend his crown again until next summer.

However, Becerra will probably accompany Parnassus on a trip to the Japan and box Kenjii Yonokura, Orient champion in a non-title bout under the promotion of Takashi Tsakalara, who recently staged the Perez vs. Yaoita flyweight title contest in Osaka, Japan. Becerra is eager to make the trip. Promoter Tsakalara was a ringeside spectator at the Coliseum and was highly impressed with Becerra's performance.

Parnassus has offered Lou Viscusi, manager of Joey Brown, $100,000 guarantee to fight Carlos Ortiz for the lightweight crown in Los Angeles. A previous offer was turned down.

As for Halimi, he declared in his dressing room interviews that he will retire.

"I wanted to win back the title and I feel very sad that I couldn't do it. I think I have had enough and will retire," he said with tears streaming down his cheeks.

ORTIZ SCOFFS AT HIS TITLE

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The manner in which he methodically demolished his Mexican terror was a pleasing sight for those who like their boxing. As the veterans Suey Welch and former world lightweight king Willie Ritchie pointed out at the feast tossed by the Eatons and Parnassus in the Ambassador Hotel following the fistic extravaganza: *"He possessses all the assets of a great fighter. He has a keen brain, is quick in his movements, protects himself with a perfect defense, has punching power, durability, and a stinging jab. He's a sharpshooter with a pleasing style."*

Ortiz was both surprised and impressed by his opponent's stand.

"I was surprised he didn't go down earlier," said the champion. *"I hit him with enough hard punches to stop the average boxer. But he's strong and a willing fighter. He hits hard but doesn't know enough about boxing. He's an excellent body puncher but gives his opponent an open target. His defense is poor, but he'll learn as I did. I knew when he dropped to the canvas that he couldn't get up. Give that kid a year of good schooling and he'll be up with the best,"* he concluded.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Enzenga's Associated Boxing Club, Inc. featured Bel Air's hard fighting heavyweight, Boom Boom Lester and Baltimore's Ernie "Rainbow" Knox in the ten round windup, with Lester emerging the unanimous winner.

Johnny Ford, Baltimore middleweight stopped Sylvester Gaither of Washington in the 3rd round.

Tommy Curtiss, Baltimore lightweight, scored a one round T.K.O. over Ray Woodson of Washington.

RATINGS

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Hauser, 6. Johnny Ford kayoed Sylvester Gaither, 3.

Victor Zalazar outscored Jim Hegerle, 8. Stan Garcia whipped Fred Roots, 8. Laszio Papp outpointed lightheavy Lou Perry, 10. Tony Dupas beat Rocky Fumerelle, 10.

Willie Green kayoed Jay Lewis, 1. Marcelino Gonzalez won over Sal Hernandez, 8. Walter Turner stopped Skippy Green, 1. Mickey Dwyer whipped Wilbur Washington, 6.

Joe Bertone kayoed Bobby James, 1. Ike Jenkins defeated Gaylord Barnes, 6. Ray Sheppard beat Rocky Mortell, 6. Al Costello kayoed Nelson Hawkins, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Luis Rodriguez kayoed Carl Hubbard, 4. Denny Moyer stopped Pat Lowry, 3, and stopped Tony DeMarco, 2.

Benny Paret again edged Charley Scott, 10. Former Champion Virgil Akins was upset by middleweight Don Fullmer, 10.

Alvaro Gutierrez stopped Art Aragon, 9. Alfredo Cota upset L. C. Morgan, 10; L. C. then stopped Agustin Rosales, 9. Duilio Loi retained the European welterweight title outpointing Bruno Visintin, 15.

French Champion Michel Lombardet retained Maurice Auzel, 15. Mexican champion Juan Padilla bested Jose Arguelles, 10.

Mario Rossito defeated Ruben Villadares, 10. Lyle Mackin stopped Karl-Heinz Guder, 9. Ray Terrazas defeated Mel Barker, 12. Apolinar Huerta whipped Mike Ponce, 10, Mike bested Anselmo Najera, 8.

Antonio Marcilla decisioned Eddie Jordan, 10. Tommy Baars stopped Ahmed Sebane, 4. Ola Michael whipped Boswell St. Louis, 10. Emilio Marron won over Marcos Pirela, 10, Marcos kayoed Enrique Tovar, 3. Jimmy Archer defeated Bernie Raines, 8; kayoed Manny Gomez, 3, and Tommy Cooper, 1.

Rocky Ferguson stopped Baldwin Deveaux, 3. Bobby Bartels whipped Yucatan Rivera, 8.

Joe Shaw stopped Maurice Jenkins, 4. Ronnie Cohen kayoed Frankie Madison, 3. Jerry Valentine outscored Les Smith, 8. Cano Hernandez whipped Ray Villalona, 10.

Chivo Diaz beat Henry Cardenas, 10. Mel Collins kayoed Pedro Miranda, 1, and beat Gaylord Barnes, 6; Barnes kayoed Tommy Moore, 5. Joe Gonzales whipped Julie Jamison, 6.

Benny Castillo stopped Joe Cancio, 6. Walt Turner decisioned Frank Smith, 6. Manuel Favela kayoed Gilberto Ruiz, 8. Bruce Gibson edged out Al Milone, 6.

Paul Stivaletta kayoed Verl Carr, 1. Eddie Woods kayoed Bobby King, 2. Jimmy Dorsey defeated Harold Richardson, 6. T. J. Jones won from Willie Westbrook, 6.

Henry Watson whipped Danny Salazar, 6. Joe Louis Hargrove kayoed Virgilio Garcia, 1. Willie Green outscored Willie Brown, 6.

Emile Griffith whipped Gaspar Ortega, 10. Bobby Pena outpointed Ray Greco, 10. Willie Morton kayoed Al Boudreaux, 1. Bill Flamio stopped Don Ross, 10.

Joe Calci kayoed Dave Grant, 4. John Mastrangelo halted Dom Prestone, 5. Don Manni won over Willie Moore, 6. Bob Fossmire whipped Mike DeFeo, 6. Julie Jamison stopped Joe Gonzalez, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Battling Torres kayoed Dick Kirby, 2, but was stopped in 10 by Carlos Ortiz.

Len Matthews kayoed Johnny Busso, 1.

Doug Vaillant won the Cuban title beating Chico Morales, 12. Joey Parks and Ernesto Figueroa drew, 1. Angel Guerrero decisioned Felix Liendo, 10.

Fred Galiana outscored Rudi Langer, 8, then stopped him in 5, and kayoed Si Mohammed, 4. Carlos Hernandez kayoed Baby Vasquez, 3. Jimmy Hornsby kayoed Aissa Hashas, 8. Aissa had kayoed Frank Garcia, 3. Paolo Rosi kayoed Art Ramponi, 3.

Chico Rollins decisioned J. D. Ellis, 10. Manuel Alvarez won from Juan Campos, 10. Juan also lost to Rogelio Andre, 10. Gene Gresham stopped Charlie Smith, 14. Louis Molina kayoed Tony Lopez Smith, 2, and Ray Copland, 1. Ray had stopped Billy Brown, 5, and beaten Johnny Cate, 6. Solomon Boysaw kayoed Johnny Palmer, 2.

Hilario Espano defeated Cordoba Rodriguez, 8. Cisco Kid stopped Gabriel Navarro, 6. Joey Reynolds scored over Leon Rosano, 8.

Al Olivera defeated Adolfo Olguin, 10. Garland (Rip) Randall whipped Ray Portilla, 15. Jay Fullmer outscored Al Andrews, 8. Zeke Lucero outscored Henry Salcido, 10.

Dave Coventry outscored Bobby Kane, 8. Johnny Bizzarro and Tony Christy drew, 8. Jaibo Carranza won over Ruben Cadena, 6. Cesar Saavedra whipped Jesus Rodriguez, 10. Jesus Mejia won from Santiago Ramirez, 8, and kayoed Borrao Flores, 3.

Tony Sanchez whipped Feliciano Camarero, 10, and Chuy Zulueta, 8. Jose Hernandez won over Bobby Ros, 10. Baby Gutierrez won over Cosme Maldonado, 10, and Chico Rodriguez, 10. Jesus Celes kayoed Juan Prieto, 10.

Jesus Zarate won from Kid Relampago, 10. Carlos Rios kayoed Hector Ramirez, 2. Kid Roma kayoed Chino Gomez, 6. Tommy Haden stopped Earl Matthews, 2.

Rafael Camacho won over Fidencio Ramirez, 10. Al Dublin won over Marcos Morales, 6. Leroy Jeffrey stopped Roland Kellem, 6. Fred Martinovich kayoed Johnny Howard, 1. Tommy Pacheco won over Bennie Gordon, 6. Stanley Wilson won from Enrique Perea, 8. Les Bagi won over Napoleon Ludy, 5. Ron Hinson beat Spike McCormack, 8. Walter Wallace won from Joe Melito, 6, Joey then beat Andeeo Gonzales, 6.

Gil Tapia defeated Rogelio Sandoval, 6. Bobby Soares won over Mercer Smith, 6. Floyd East beat Al Boudreaux, 6. Tyrone Gardner defeated Kenny Dean, 6.

Bernie Watts kayoed Richie Grassley, 1. Ray Schlamp kayoed Billy Fletcher, 5. Warren McKnight bested Freddy Moore, 6. Freddy Jackson won over Larry Wright, 6. Ludwig Lightburn stopped L. C. Morgan, 9. Eddie Beattie stopped Eddie Ludwin, 3.

Al King outboxed George Ross, 10. Joe Stable won from Diwaldo Ventosa, 10, and kayoed Jim Mackey, 5. J. D. Ellis outscored Eddie Armstrong, 10. Fighting San Carlos kayoed Rocky Miner, 5. Jerry Black kayoed Freddie Jackson, 1.

Jose Napoles won over Issac Espinosa, 10. Joe Butler won over Roosevelt Mathews, 6. Sid Lugo outscored George Quinones, 6. Kenny Tavares beat Bobby Soares, 6. Tom Lowery stopped Fred Clifton, 5. Vic Diamond kayoed Lee Mann, 3.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Terenzio Gutierrez, 9, and Guillermo Mendoza, 6.

Sergio Caprari outscored Tony Padron, 10.

British Empire champion Percy Lewis outpointed European champion Gracieux Lamperti, 12.

Rafiu King outscored Jean Renard, 10.

Ray Nobile defeated Giordani Campari, 10. Juanito Ramirez scored an upset by halting Claudio Adame, 8. Orlando Castillo whipped Jose Luis Martinez, 10.

Kid Anahuac stopped Miguel Lazu, 2. Alfredo Bunetta defeated Oscar Vargas, 10. Kid Irapuato beat David Rodriguez, 10.

Melvin Bourne defeated Sergio Gomez, 10. Cornelio Yapura kayoed Felix Castaneda, 3, but was halted by Pedro Miranda, 4. Max Huerta halted Jose Luis Mora, 5. Little Cezar outscored Bobby Gray, 10. Marinerito Celis upset Raul Reyes, 10.

Roberto Castro drew with Jose Casas, 10. Terry Spinks defeated Junior Cassidy, 8, and Johnny Kidd, 10. Tono Coria kayoed Panchito Rios, 1.

Fernando Gomez kayoed Manny Yamashiro, 9. Cruz Arvelo defeated Eduardo Rodriguez, 8. Porfirio Martinez halted Antonio Sansores, 4. Gildo Montoya stopped Juan Lemus, 3.

Manny Elias scored over Johnny Shaw, 10, Shaw kayoed Alberto Martinez, 3. Alberto Soto stopped Raton Vargas, 6. Roberto Landa whipped Luis Quijano, 10, but lost to Raton Vargas, 10.

Sexton Mabena stopped John Smillie, 5. Joe Shaw beat George Retter, 8. Elias Reyes defeated Lauro Martinez, 8. Howard Winstone defeated Robbie Wilson, 8.

Pancho Macias whipped Moi Torres, 10. Roy Jacobs and George Carroll drew, 8. Tommy Wooten and George Patunis, drew, 6. George Judge outpointed Junior Cassidy, 8. Daniel Berrios defeated Valentin Viruet, 6.

Rodolfo Lopez decisioned Daniel Silva, 8. Melchor Contreras whipped Rocky Fontanette, 6. Teddy Rand defeated Melchor Contreras, 6. Tano Serna whipped Mike Vazquez, 6, and kayoed Bud Anderson, 2. Julio Lau whipped Willie Sanchez, 6, but was stopped by John Cate, 5. Matty Mallane defeated Bobby Soares, 6. Pastor Marrero defeated Hilton Smith, 10. Johnny Sarduy defeated Huesito Gonzalez, 10. William Ronacourt won over Jorge Nunez, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Becerra retained his title by kayoing exchampion Alphonse Halimi, 9.

Pierro Rollo stopped Robert Tartari, 5. Jose Lopez whipped Goyo Flores, 10. Goyo had kayoed Panchito Saldivar, 2.

Panchito beat Chino Gomez, 10. Ernesto Miranda and Danny Kid, drew, 10.

Juan Cardenas beat Santos Seoane, 10. Javier Torres won the Spanish title outpointing Antonio Diaz, 12, then lost it to Francisco Carreno, 12. Juan Ibares stopped Memo Gonzalez, 10.

Baby Moe Mario flattened Sandy Garcia, 1. Manuel Arementeros stopped Jamie Rios, 2, and Coca Kid, 3.

Pierre Cossemyns won from Mohamed Zarzi, 10. Raul Leanos bested Cain Rogero, 10.

Nelson Estrada halted Kiki Casanova, 8. Chucho Tello won over Monito Luna, 10.

Jorge Alatorre stopped Cubanito Gonzalez, 3, Cubanito whipped Kid San Lorenzo, 10, while Jorge won over Chatito Ochoa, 10. Frankie Duran kayoed Gino Tovar, 10, Gino also was kayoed in four by Sabino Mendez. Gustavo Sosa outpointed Fidel Salcedo, 10.

Roy Beamon kayoed Moses Edeki, 2. Miguel Lazu was stopped by featherweight Kid Anahuca, 2. Efren Jimenez stopped Angel Coronado, 7. Memo Tellez whipped Torito Mota, 10.

Tuntun Torres decisioned Agustin Campos, 10. Raton Veloz stopped Cos Velazquez, 9. Fidel Cruz won over Roberto Mar, 10. Jose Luis Valdez defeated Alex Jimenez, 8, and Jorge Alatorre, 8. Baby Lopez kayoed Juan Hernandez, 4.

Chaparro DeLeon bested Victor Manuel Rodriguez, 10. Ernesto Barrera kayoed Yico Figueroa, 8, and Dimas Colin, 1. Juanito Mendoza decisioned Pancho Hernandez, 10. Oney Mingues stopped Pepino Morales, 4.

Charlie Branch stopped Jimmy Ithia, 4. Francisco Ortiz won from Jose Luis Cepeda, 6. Tono Ortiz won over Pablo Barrios, 8. Panchito Gonzalez defeated Pedro Rodriguez, 8. Luis Moreno defeated Ramon Machado, 6.

Tetsuya Yamaguehi kayoed Jim Posades, 1. Bernie Taylor and Hugh O'Neil drew, 8. Baby Brown won over Rufino Ridella, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Pone Kingpetch kayoed Baby Ross, 4. Minum Ben Ali outscored Ramon Arias, 10.

Nacho Escalante won the Mexican title outpointing Mario DeLeon, 12, he also beat Saul Becerril, 10. Sadao Yaoita whipped Kunoi Vitchichai, 10.

Dommy Ursua stopped Ramon Calatayud, 10. Carlos Rodriguez retained his Argentina title stopping Demetrio Carbajal, 10.

Carlos Miranda halted Hugo Villarreal, 5. Jorge Salazar defeated Monito Luna, 10. Gonzalo Galan stopped Elias DeLeon, 4.

French champion Rene Libeer stopped Jose Ogazon, 9. Billy Walker won over George McDade, 8. Jackie Brown bested Eddie Barraclough, 8. Johnny Caldwell kayoed Young Martin, 3.

Fidel Alfaro whipped Cuervo Salinas, 10, Salinas also lost to Chucho Hernandez, 10. Gustavo Pitalua beat Angel Rubalcava, 8. Sapo Melendez won on a disqualification over Juan Hernandez, 5.

Gaby Beltran beat Raton Veloz, 6. Luis Jimenez stopped Pancho de Jesus, 5.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lew Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND . . . The New Jersey Boxing Writer's dinner at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains was in honor of Paul Cavelier and promoter Thomas (Babe) Culan. A pall was cast over the affair when Culan suffered a heart attack during the festivities and was rushed to the hospital where he is recovering.

▶ **Elizabeth Armory** — Jose Torres, 162, Puerto Rico, dropped veteran Randy Sandy, 157, New York, in the opening round and although he kept the pressure on all the way had to settle for a 7-3 vote of referee Paul Cavelier.

Joe Shaw, 145, New York gained a kayo over Maurice Jenkins, 155, Newark, in the fourth round when referee Freddy Boston stopped the fight to save Jenkins from further punishment; Frank Alevera, 151, Puerto Rico, outpointed Ernie Highsmith, 149, Elizabeth, 5; Tom Wooten, 126, Newark, outscored George Patunis, 127, Bayonne, 4. They had drawn earlier in the week. And in a real slam-banger Larry Crawley, 149, just home from the Marines, battled to a draw with Jimmy Lynn, 146, Newark. A crowd of 2,500 paid $6,200 for the first big show in Elizabeth since Ray Robinson-Billy Nixon way back in 1947.

▶ **Trenton, Moose Hall**—George Chimenti, 159, New York City, out-scrambled wildman Al (Rocky) Milone, 160, Coney Island, to gain the nod of referee Joey Harrison by a 7-1 count. Mel Collins, 151, Trenton, returning to action, pitched a shutout against Gaylord Barnes, 154, of Valley Stream, L. I., in six.

In another sixer, Al Dublin, 132, New York, edged out Marcus Morales, 128, Puerto Rico, in a crowd pleaser; Willie Law, 156, Trenton, bested Carlos Muniz, 159, of New York; Felix Arroyo, 131, New York, defeated Tito Romano, 130, of Trenton, and John Colon, 135, kayoed Chuck Castill, 132, in the fourth of an all New York bout. Pablo Lopez, 120, of Puerto Rico, and Willie Green, 129, of Trenton, slugged to a draw in four.

▶ **Highland Park Auditorium**—Otto Smith, 153, Westfield, kayoed Milton Epps, 164, East Orange, in 2:06 of the fifth. Otto, punching sharply, had too many guns for his game opponent. Tom Wooten, 126½, Newark, and George Patunis, 128, Bayonne, fought to a draw in the semi-final sixer.

Mike Shanley, 144, Jersey City, floored Freddy Gross, 144, Paterson, twice in gaining the nod in four; Marty Pettiford, 160, Rahway, outslugged Percy Parks, 165, Orange, 4. Tom Welstead, 141¼, duked Lash Sherman, 138¼, Jersey City, in the opener.

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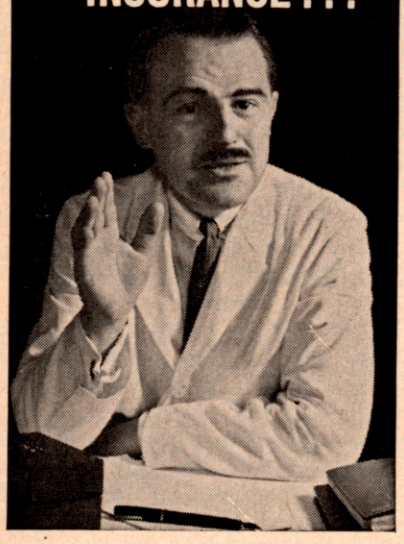

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JUNE FIGHT ELECTRIFIES U.S.

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from a quick knockout defeat and stop his conqueror, never have been clarified.

It appears that those who had gone so far wrong on Johansson were eager to hint that his knockout victory was a fluke and they were not really the fall guys the result made them out to be.

Fall guys they were, nevertheless, and now it certainly would occasion no surprise if the crooner from Goteborg were a powerful favorite on entering the ring in June.

SWEDE WISELY REFUSES TO DEMEAN OPPONENT

When Johansson was visited in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, he said that he was not planning beyond the Patterson fight. Should Jens—and that is a name Johansson really owns in front of Ingemar—be beaten, he will have the right to a return fight.

Should Johansson win again, Patterson will slide into the also-ran category, and there will have to be a new deal. Perhaps Zora Folley's eligibility will be revived. Possibly Archie Moore will be moved up. That Johansson would give Mr. Liston a shot is extremely doubtful. He never mentions him.

"Beyond Patterson I am not planning. I never pile up worries that are not necessary. One thing at a time, well done, is my policy. So I cannot discuss with American writers the questions they insist on throwing at me about fights to come after the Patterson affair.

"One thing I do not like is an effort by some newspapermen to get me to say that I regard Patterson as an easy proposition and that I will beat him quicker in this second fight.

"I believe I can beat Patterson again. But I also believe that, as the former champion, he is a dangerous man. Not only that. He now will seek to make up for his defeat, and use lessons he must have learned in his loss to me, even if it failed to last nine minutes."

BOTH FIGHTERS STUDY FIRST BATTLE MOVIES

The Patterson connections, from Cus D'Amato down, predict that Johansson will see a far different Floyd come June. They admit that Patterson made a sucker fight against Ingo. They insist that Floyd has been wised up to Ingo's style.

D'Amato, who has lost his license in the state of New York, will not be in Patterson's corner again. But Cus will not be far away, directing Floyd's plan of attack and scheme of defense.

Patterson has been training ever since the defeat by Johansson. The American has been coached by able strategists. He knows what he did wrong and what he must do if he is to reverse the result.

Over and over again, Patterson has studied Johansson's every move in the pictures of the fight. Nor has the Swede ignored this potential aid to another victory.

PENDER IRISH LORE

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years maybe I wouldn't be able to enjoy what I have now," he added.

Pender knows that his career must be figured in a few fights, not years, and he is interested in drawing the curtain down on fighting when the time is ripe with the last line reading *"and the Penders lived happily ever after."*

World Heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson, checks the weight of Dinah Shore during rehersal for his recent appearance on Miss Shore's television show. Ingo has twice appeared as an actor-singer on her show and made one appearance as a dramatic actor in Ernest Hemmingway's "The Killers". And a movie that he made is soon to be released. As things stand, long before he again enters the ring, Ingo will have established himself with the American public as a thespian.

Experts on the drama, say that Johansson has shown remarkable ability in that field and predict a bright future for him. So there seems to be little doubt as to his ability as an actor, even if there is still doubt as to his fighting qualities.

THE YEARLINGS

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perienced Milton Epps and a kayo over Eskil Emerson. Unfortunately he doesn't extend himself fighting as hard as he has too. That is the only fault one can find with his ring style.

Being one of six boys, how could Stan Garcia help but be a fighter, you might ask? Well he couldn't neither could his older brother Art, who is a pro welterweight.

Next to the youngest in the family of nine, he was born in Peralta, New Mexico, on October 16, 1940. His family moved to Oakland eight years ago and following in the footsteps of Art, Stan started to box as an amateur when he was seventeen. He lost only three of his seventeen amateur bouts including a number of championships.

In 1957 he won the Northern California Diamond Belt title, a crown which he won again the following year.

In 1959 he captured the San Francisco Golden Gloves title and earned a trip to Toledo, O. for the National AAU championships where he reached the quarter-final round before bowing out.

Following his graduation from Fremont High School in June, he got ready for his pro debut which took place on August 11, in Richmond, Calif., when he scored a one-round kayo triumph. Since then he has been very active, adding eleven more wins to his skein. A good boxer, he has defeated the veteran Benny Walker, and kayoed Fred Roots, Willie Moon and Murphy Holmes.

Fans in the Bay area rate him highly. The manner in which he disposed of Holmes in four rounds in a battle between two top prospects, was a job well done.

Another lad, who comes from a fighting family, is Joey Durelle, cousin of Yvon, the former British Empire Champion who recently retired. Joey, who idolized his cousin, made up his mind a long time ago to become a fighter.

A stiff punching left hooker, he had to overcome the objections of his older sister Lorraine, with whom he was living in Montreal where he had come to take a job as a printer. Once he began fighting, he scored three straight one-round kayos, two in the opening fifteen seconds. He then won her approval and continued on to win all of his ten amateur fights via knockouts.

Durelle turned pro in May of last year in Caribou, Maine, on a card headlined by Yvon and has moved along quickly in his six bouts, scoring three kayos and taking the others on decisions.

A slam-bang slugger with the typical Durelle style and defense, he has won the hearts of the fans. He scored a big hit in Toronto when he defeated Don Ross, the number four rated Canadian welterweight in a bruising fight.

Fighting is Joey's whole life. He eats, drinks and dreams fight and if desire can do it, he will soon replace his idol as the pride of the French-Canadians.

JORDAN A CHEESE CHAMP?

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lower rope. There Referee Kid McPartland called a halt without bothering to count. Welsh later disputed Leonard's right to the crown.

"*I never heard of a champion losing a title without a count,*" Welsh insisted. "*Where I come from that doesn't happen.*"

This from a fighter, who on being helped to his corner by McPartland slid off his stool. He landed on his hands and knees. He had been knocked out, and obviously was in no condition to continue.

World War I was on, and Welsh served in the U. S. Army. He and Leonard never fought again.

Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle campaigned out of St. Paul, where he met Kid Williams, world bantamweight champion at that time. The no-decision fight ended in the fifth round with Ertle the winner on a foul. Ertle may not have been a "*Cheese Champion,*" but his claim to the title was never generally recognized.

Ertle's victory over Williams was in 1914, but three years later he was forgotten when Pete Herman defeated the Kid for the title in 20 rounds. Afterwards Williams and Ertle fought twice, the first a 12 round draw. Williams won the second in 12 rounds.

If the term "*Cheese Champion*" were in general use at present Johnny Saxton would qualify. His victory over Kid Gavilan at Philadelphia was hotly disputed, touching off an investigation, and in his first defense he was knocked out by Tony DeMarco in Boston.

When Saxton regained the crown from Carmen Basilio, who had won it from DeMarco, it caused another uproar. This one was in Chicago, and Basilio, like Gavilan, claimed he was "robbed." Carmen made his claim good by twice knocking out Saxton in return bouts.

Another in this category was Freddie (Red) Cochrane. He won the title in 15 rounds from Fritzie Zivic in Newark. It was a major upset, and no doubt counting himself lucky, Cochrane was careful to keep the crown on ice. In his first defense, five years after he won it, Cochrane was knocked out in four rounds by Marty Servo.

Cochrane had an excuse, a good one, for not fighting. He held the title during World War II, and part of the time he was in the service. He did, however, duck Sugar Ray Robinson, the leading challenger, while fighting over the weight.

In non-title bouts Cochrane was beaten by Garvey Young, and Zivic. He was knocked out twice by Rocky Graziano. Servo was knocked out by Graziano too, and relinquished the title without ever defending it.

There are any number of contenders for the welterweight title, including Thompson, the man who knocked out the present champion. Basilio is planning to return to the 147-pound division, and there are the Cubans—Rodriguez and Benny (Kid) Paret. They are all anxious to fight Jordan.

This gives the champion his opportunity. He has a chance to prove, if he can, that there is no cheese in his makeup.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

▶ HAVANA—Former welter king, Kid Fichique, 146½, scored a knockdown in the 7th to clinch the unanimous ten round verdict from Frankie Kid Anslem, 151¾, Phila., Pa. Jose A. Napoles, 131, won easily in ten from Isaac Espinosa, 131¾. Chico Veliz, 124½, stopped Humberto de la Rosa, 126, in four rounds. Jose Luis Hernandez, 146¼, stopped Antonio Ma. Ballehas, 144½, in two. Heriberto Silveria, 140½, won in four from Julian Diaz, 140½.

▶ HAVANA—Baby Colon, 158¾, was twice dropped in the first and that cost him the unanimous ten round decision with Jimmy Beecham, 158, Miami, Fla. Joe Stable, 136, won a close, split tenner, from Diwaldo Ventosa, 134½. Luis Regueira, 118¾, won in four from Julio Diaz, 119¾. Pablo Cardenas, 121¾, stopped Mario Ponce, 125, in one. Arcadio Alvarez, 137¾, stopped Julio Rodriguez, 136½, in one, also.

▶ HAVANA—Reiniero (Rey) Lopez, 200, undefeated youngster, stopped American Tommy (Hurricane) Sims, 180¼, in four. Sims comes from California, U.S.A. Pastor Marrero, 126, won easily in ten from Hilton Smith, 126, Miami, Fla. Julian Perez, 138, won in eight from Israel Napoles, 129¾. Evelio Martinez, 181, drew in four with Jesus Martinez, 226. Julio Veitia, 128½, won in four from Santos Menendez, 129½.

▶ HAVANA—Veteran Orlando Castillo, 127¾, again defeated the featherweight champion of Spain, Jose Luis Martinez, 124¼, after ten fast rounds. The decision was split.

William Roncourt, 123, won in eight from Jorge Nunez, 123¼. Chico Veliz, 126¼, stopped Mario Ponce, 125¼, in four. Guillermo Valdes, 134¾, won in six from Arcadio Alvarez, 137½. Gonzalo Diago, 127¼, won in four from Luis Abreu, 129.

▶ SANTA CLARA—Before a packed house that drew $4,682.80, Douglas Vaillant, 134¾, became the new lightweight champion of the Island when he easily defeated champion Rolando (Chico) Morales, 135, in twelve rounds. Vaillant, who is half brother of undefeated, welter king of Cuba, the No. 1 world welter contender in The RING and N.B.A. Ratings, Luis Manuel Rodriguez, fought at a terrific pace and the champion never had a look in. Please pardon my modesty but before 1959 started I predicted that Luis M. Rodriguez would become a world rated fighter. I also tabbed Florentino Fernandez, Benny Paret, Sugar Ramos and Hiram Bacallao.

In the semi-final, Johnny Sarduy, 125¾, won a very good, fast ten-rounder, from Pedro Jose (Huesito) Gonzalez, 124½.

▶ HAVANA—Jose Stable, 136¼, stopped American Jimmy McKey, 138, in five. Pedro Miranda, 151¼, another undefeated boy, was not so lucky, and got himself stopped in the very first round (2.05), by the other American Mel Collins, 150, also from Miami, Fla.

Marcelino Gonzalez, 160, won in eight from Sal Hernandez, 156½.

Jesus Gonzalez, 138, won in four from Heriberto Silveira, 138¾.

Rafel Machado, 119, won in four from Julio Yu, 118.

IN LATIN AMERICA

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

JANUARY'S BOXING CARDS CONTINUED WITHOUT THE BEST MEXICAN TALENT, WHICH AS A RULE PREFERS TO ACT IN CALIFORNIA. It may be stated, however, that new talent is being developed and in the long run Mexico City fans may be enabled to see boxing of a better class. All results were as follows:

▶Nacho Escalante, 114, decisioned Saul Becerril, 112, in 10. Jose Luis Valdes, 118, decisioned Alex Jimenez, 118, in 8. Gaby Beltran, 112, decisioned Raton Veloz, 112, in 6. Panterita Jacome, 127, stopped Nacho Barrientos, 128, in 1. Lencho Cortes, 119, stopped Jose Loya, 118, in the fourth and last round.

▶Chucho Kid Tello, 117, decisioned Monito Luna, 117, in 10. Sapo Melendez, 112, defeated Juan Hernandez, 112, by disqualification, in 5. Manuel Garcia, 126, drew with Jorge Ceja, 126, in 6. Manuel de la Rosa, 112, decisioned Roberto Martinez, 112, in 4.

▶Fidel Alfaro, 113, decisioned Cuervo Salinas, 112, in 10. Tony Sanchez, 134, decisioned Chuy Zulueta, 138, in 8. Jose Chavez, 116, decisioned David Monroy, 110, in 6. Gregorio Sanchez, 119, stopped Abel Paredes, 118, in 1. Rafael Ayala, 118, stopped Jose Alvarez, 117, in 3.

▶Cisco Martinez, 135, stopped Gabriel Navarro, 135, in 6. Hilario Espana, 135, decisioned Cordoba Rodriguez, 134, in 8. Negro Flores, 147, decisioned Armando Sanchez, 146, in 6. Muralla Zamora, 135, stopped Luis Galindo, 134, in 2. Felipe Silva, 118, decisioned Zorrito Ortiz, 118, in 4.

▶Angel Guerrero, 135, decisioned Felix Liendo, 135, Venezuela, in 10. Alberto Soto, 126, stopped Raton Vargas, 131, in 6. Luis Jimenez, 111, stopped Pancho de Jesus, 112, in 5. Coyote Sarabia, 140, decisioned Tino Rodriguez, 135, in 6. Tiburcio Vega, 123, decisioned Benjamin Matias, 126, in 4.

▶Memo Tellez, 119, decisioned Torito Mota, 117, in 10. Panchito Gonzalez, 119, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 119, in 8. Enrique Garcia, 118, decisioned Carlos Lopez, 118, in 6. Osito Galvan, 118, decisioned Miguel Diaz, 118, in 6. Venancio Hernandez, 135, stopped Raul Mendoza, 134, in 2.

▶Max Huerta, 129, stopped Jose Luis Mora, 129, in 5. Jose Luis Valdez, 118, decisioned Jorge Alatorre, 118, in 8. Fidel Salcedo, 118, defeated Gregorio Sanchez, 118, by disqualification, in the sixth and last round. Beto Romero, 110, drew with Pipo Castillo, 114, in 6. Lupe Cabrera, 112, stopped Manuel Huerta, 110, in 1.

▶Juan Ibares, 119, stopped Memo Gonzalez, 119, in the tenth and last round. Rodolfo Lopez, 129, decisioned Daniel Silva, 129, in 8. Ramon Tejeda, 118, stopped Ricardo Villegas, 118, in 2. Nabor Gonzalez, 112, stopped Centavo Jardon, 112, in 2. Antonio Valdez, 135, stopped Salvador Garcia, 134, in the fourth and last round.

▶Chucho Hernandez, 111, decisioned Cuervo Salinas, 113, in 10. Mike Ponce, 146, decisioned Anselmo Najera, 146, in 8. Coyote Sarabia, 140, stopped Angel Alvarez, 139, in 2. Osito Galvan, 118, decisioned Sal Hernandez, 118, in 6. Rafael Ayala, 118, stopped Tomas Monroy, 117, in 1.

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BOXING IN YUCATAN

By Eduardo Amer G.

▶COLIMA, COL: Jorge Alatorre, 123, kayoed Cubanito Gonzalez, 122, of Yucatan, in 3 rounds.

▶IXTEPEX, OAX: Cubanito Gonzalez, 122, whipped Kid-San Lorenzo, 124, in ten rounds.

▶VERACRUZ, VER: Manuel Armenteros, 123, stopped Jaime "Zurdo" Diaz, 127, in the second round;—Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 124, bested Luis Quijano, 125, of Yucatan, in 10 rounds.

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LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA "OLIMPICA", GOMEZ PALACIO.—Juanito Ramirez, 123, the latest sensation in Mexican boxing game, surprised the crowd when he stopped favorite Claudio "Lobito" Adame, 129, in the eighth round of their scheduled main tener. It was a real upset for the local fans because "The Wolfskin" Adame is one of our top guys in the regional boxing. Adame's poor shape was the real cause of his debacle. In the other scheduled 10-round match, Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 119, had too much "hombre" for little Panchito Saldivar, 117, Monterrey youngster. Goyo, using his lethal left hook floored Panchito twice and he finally stopped the Monterrey boy in the second heat.

Rest of the card: Manuel Favela, 142, kayoed Gilberto Ruiz, 143, in eight; Luis Ramirez, 117, stopped Juan Jasso, 117, in the third; Porfirio "Pilo" Guash, 116, halted Santos Adame, 112, in two.

LA LAGUNA AUDITORIUM, TORREON:—At last, boxing has returned to Torreon, the main city of La Laguna territory. Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, feather champ of La Laguna organized the show to say goodbye to active boxing. And the "Chino" gave fine account of himself in this last fight when he easily whipped young Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, lightweight champion of these lands. Cesar, 135, took the full twelve scheduled rounds to get a clean-cut decision over his strong but torpid foe who weighed 130 pounds. In the semifinal, Carlos "Galucas" Rios, 138, iced Hector Ramirez, 134, in only two rounds. Miguel Orona, 130, stopped Andres Gonzalez, 135, in the sixth heat of their scheduled ten rounder. Jesus Segovia, 122, bested Jorge Solis, 118, in four rounds. "Chino" Salinas, 120, decisioned Eduwiges Perez, 126, in the initial 4-round bout.

ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gomez Palacio:—Raul Leanos, 117, the husky kid brother of Old Juan, was too clever and too fast for bronco boy Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 119. Raul won 9 of the 10 rounds to score a triumph. In the semifinal tener, Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 144, easily decisioned Henry Cardenas, 145, El Paso. Jose "Ruso" Lopez, 124, defeated Vicente Nuno, 126, in eight. Gonzalo Rubia, 123, kayoed "Chino" Anaya, 125, in the third heat. Porfirio "Pilo" Guash, 118, and Kid Camay, 117, drew in four.

PUEBLA:—Gustavo Sosa, 117, outpointed Fidel Salcedo, 118, in ten. Tony Sanchez, 131, halted Victor Adame, 129, in the seventh heat. Ismael Delgadillo, 133, whipped Juan Ortiz, 133, in eight rounds.

SAN ANDRES TUXTLA:—Ricardo "Raton" Vargas, 126, got the duke over Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 123, after ten well fought rounds.

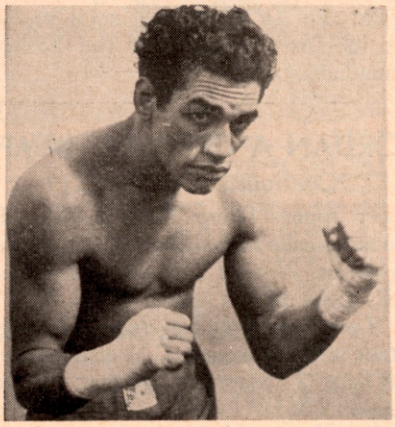
TAMPICO:—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 147, National Welter Champ, had to work very hard to get a ten round decision over hard hitter Jose Arguelles, 148.

MEXICALI:—Kid Irapuato (Ramon Perez), 127, decisioned David Rodriguez, 126, in ten.

ACAPULCO:—Fidel Cruz, 116, outscored Roberto Mar, 118, in ten heats. David Guevara, 121, kayoed Frankie Silva, 121, in the sixth.

MONTERREY:—"Chaparro" DeLeon, 116, bested Victor Manuel Rodriguez, 117, in ten. Juanito Mendoza, 118, won a 10-round duke over Pancho Hernandez, 119.

COLIMA:—Baby Gutierrez, 135, won a ten round unanimous decision over rough Cosme Maldonado, 137.



Tony Padron, Venezuelan featherweight champion, who was turned back in his bid to gain a place among the ranking men of his division when he lost a decision to Italian, Sergio Caprari, in a recent Caracas fight. Tony, a good boxer, has lost only to Caprari in seventeen bouts.

GUADALAJARA:—Johnny Eddie Shaw, 124, scored a clean three-round kayo triumph over Alberto Martinez, 123. Pancho Macias, 128, defeated Moi Torres, 126, in ten heats. Ramiro Rosales, 124, kayoed "Monito" Hernandez, 121, in the third.

MONTERREY:—Jesus "Chucho" Mejia, 135, Nuevo Leon State Lightweight Champion, embalmed "Borrao" Flores, 137, in three. Juan Perales, 128, kayoed Miguel Juarez, 127, in the first.

ACAPULCO:—Rafael Camacho, 136, outpointed Fidencio Ramirez, 135, over ten rounds. Silvestre Martinez, 117, kayoed Cordoba Kid, 118, in four.

COLIMA:—Jorge Alatorre, 118, clever and fast, got the decision over "Chatito" Ochoa, 119, after ten rounds.

CULIACAN:—Fernando Gomez, 127, kayoed Manny Yamashiro, 126, Mexican-Japanese boy, in the ninth of their scheduled tenner.

TONALA:—The young general is fighting again! Antonio "Tono" Coria, 127, one of the best feathers around Mexico, stopped Panchito Rios, 128, Colombia, S.A., in one round.

VERACRUZ: — Ernesto Barrera, 117, stopped "Yico" Figueroa, 120, in the eighth. Gustavo Pitalua, 115, the little ship-boy from Mocambo Beach, outpointed Angel Rubalcava, 116, in eight rounds.

JUAREZ:—"Battling" Torres, 142, Mexico's big hope in boxing, scored an easy one when he kayoed Richard Kirby, 140, Los Angeles' prospect, in two. The Mexican baby face floored his foe two times before the end. In the semifinal, Antonio "Tony" Ortiz, 122, decisioned Pablo Barrios, 118, after eight heats.

PACHUCA:—"Marinerito" Celis, 124, upset favorite Raul Reyes, 126, in ten.

GUADALAJARA:—Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145, surprised by outboxing favorite Langston Carl "L. C." Morgan, 144, during the full ten rounds to score a decision. In another tenner Baby Gutierrez, 134, bested "Chico" Rodriguez, 133.

MONTERREY:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 121 high ranked bantam in THE RING, decisioned Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 119, in ten.

COSAMALOAPAN:—One of the strangest occurrences in a boxing ring happened in this little town of Veracruz State. Jesus "Chucho" Zarate, 134, young fighter from Mexico City, was easily winning over Kid Relampago, 133, local boy, when the latter delivered a mighty right cross to Zarate's jaw dropping him with only six seconds left of their ten round fight. The referee started to count when the bell rang ending the contest. Judges gave the decision to Zarate in 10 rounds, but he never knew that he was the winner. Zarate was taken over to the local Red Cross unconscious where he died the next day, a victim of a cerebral hemorrhage.

VERACRUZ:—Manuel Armenteros, 123, the experienced Mexican-Cuban Topnotcher, stopped Jaime "Zurdo" Rios, 125, in two heats. Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 123, decisioned Luis Quijano, 125, kid brother of former champ Victor Manuel Quijano, in ten.

COLIMA:—Efren Jimenez, 118, stopped Angel Coronado, 119, in the seventh round. "Chamaco" Figueroa, 125, kayoed Antonio Sarmiento, 128, in six.

AGUASCALIENTES:—"Raton" Veloz, 117, stopped Cos Velazquez, 117, in nine rounds to get the bantamweight championship of the state of Aguascalientes.

LEON:—Veteran Kid Anahuac, 125, outclassed and outweighed little Cuban Miguel Lassus, 117, and he finally kayoed the little one in the second round of their scheduled tenner. Saul Becerril, 114, stopped Marcelo Gonzalez, 118, in the fifth.

LEON:—Apolinar Huerta, 145, whipped Mike Ponce, 144, in ten.

PACHUCA:—Al Olivera, 134, fought Adolfo Holguin, 136, to a ten round draw. "Cubanito" Avila, 125, decisioned Kid Chocolate, 128, in eight.

TOLUCA:—Bussy Manuel Armenteros, 122, easily kayoed Cocoa Kid, 126, in three rounds. Nobody in Mexico City wants to meet this Armentero man; he is too rough, too tough and he also hits too hard. In the semifinal Ernesto Barrera, 117, iced Dimas Colin, 119, in the first round.

DURANGO:—Jorge "Baby" Salazar, 115, cute and fancy, whipped "Monito" Luna, 116, in ten fast heats.

VERA CRUZ:—Porfirio Martinez, 124, halted Antonio "Chilango" Sansores, 123, in four rounds full of action and blood. Antonio "Tony" Sanchez, 134, bested Feliciano "Borrego" Camarero, 135, in ten. Javier "Pelirrojo Vazquez, 124, kayoed Florentino Espinola, 125, in the second heat.

ACAPULCO:—Southpaw Baby Lopez, 118, nailed his left into Juan Hernandez's body to send the 117 pounder to sleep in four rounds. Kid Roma, 134, kid brother of Alfredo Urbina, kayoed "Chino" Gomez, 137, in the sixth.

MONTERREY:—Sabino Mendez, 121, halted Texan Gene Tovar, 120, in the fourth round. Panchito Saldivar, 118, bested "Chino" Gomez, 119, in ten.

GUADALAJARA:—"Jaibo" Carranza, 134, won a 6-round TKO over Ruben Cadena, 135. Jesus Celes, 133, knocked out Juan Prieto, 129, in the last round of their scheduled tenner.

DURANGO:—Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 129, and Hector Garcia, 132, local hard punchers were thrown out of the ring and the officials fined both men after declaring the ten round bout "no-contest." The semifinal, a real good fight, was between Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 117, and Agustin "Diablito" Campos, 119, with TunTun getting the 10-round decision.

GUADALAJARA:—Langston Carl "L. C." Morgan, 145, Youngstown, Ohio, nailed Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 149, with a terrific right upper-cut which cut Chilango's left eyebrow. Rosales refused to leave his corner in the ninth round. The referee declared L. C. the victor in that round by a TKO. In another scheduled tenner, Gildo Montoya, 130, stopped Juan Lemus, 129, in the third.

MONTERREY:—Jesus "Chucho" Mejia, 135, Nuevo Leon State Lightweight Champion, got an 8-round TKO over Santiago Ramirez, 134, Cuba, due to a mutual butt which caused cuts to both fighters' eyebrows. In the semi-final, Joe Lopez, 125, kayoed Jesus "Chucho" Rosales, 126, in the sixth.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES.—At the "Luna Park" ring, lightweight Antonio Repollo won in 10 over Pedro Guevara; undefeated featherweight Santos Simili won by a T.K.O. in 7th; Pedro I. Videla and welterweight Ramon La Cruz won by a T.K.O. in second round over Carlos V. Diaz.

GENERAL PICO.—In the middle division, Hugo Danielli T.K.O.ed Aquiles Gregorutti in 4th.

ROSARIO.—Juan Carlos Magurno, middle, kayoed Angel Parisi in 5th.

MAR DEL PLATA.—Gregorio Samora, middle, lost by a T.K.O. in 8th to Ubaldo Sacco.

MENDOZA—A good prospect among the lightweights, Nicolino "Nico" Loche, won by a T.K.O. in fifth round over Hector Tula.

BAHIA BLANCA.—Rogelio Andre won 10 rounds decision over Juan Campos. Both lightweights.

SAN JUAN.—Martin Perez, "welter", lost a 10 round decision to Elio Ripoll.

SAN FRANCISCO (Cordoba). — Cornelio Yapura, undefeated featherweight of Bolivia, kayoed Felix Gastaneda in 3rd.

TUCUMAN.—In a hard bout, Juan Carlos Velardez drew in 10 with Ramon Vargas in a "welter" fight.

BUENOS AIRES.—The spectacular middleweight and hard puncher, Juan C. Rivero ("Rocky" Rivero), came back to the Luna Park ring to kayo Sixto Tiselli of Italy in the 3rd.

BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring, featherweight Guillermo Mondot drew in 10 rounds with Angel Bustos; Alfredo Paz won a 10 round decision over Cruz Dominguez in the welter class, and Ramon La Cruz, welter, kayoed Jose Colaone in 2.

MENDOZA.—Ricardo Gonzalez ranked No. 1 in "THE RING" MAGAZINE in the feather class, kayoed Terenzio Gutierrez in 9th.

ROSARIO.—Miguel A. Saliadarre kayoed Angel Gregorutti in 10th of a welterweight bout.

SANTA FE.—In the middle class, Antonio Nigri lost to Cesar Pereyra in a 10 round decision.

JUNIN.—Lightweight Rolando Caballero and Hector Arguello, drew in 10.

MAR DEL PLATA.—Undefeated and a good prospect in the middle class, Mario Tarzetti, kayoed Aldredo Eberbach in 7th round.

BAHIA BLANCA.—For the local title in the lightweight division, Antonio Murano, the champ, decisioned Cesar Farias over 10 rounds.

MENDOZA.—For the welter local title, Francisco Sotelo, the champ, won by a T.K.O. in seventh round over Oscar Miranda.

BUENOS AIRES.—At the "Luna Park" ring, and for the Argentina fly title, Carlos Rodriguez won by a T.K.O. in 10th round over Demetrio Carbajal. It was a very disputed fight.

BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring, and for the vacant middleweight title of Argentina, Farid Salim won a 12 round decision over Juan Carlos Duran. Salim won the fight in an intensely disputed contest. Farid Salim is an undefeated fighter.

ROSARIO.—Ex-Argentine bantam champ, Roberto Castro, now in the feather class, drew in 10 rounds with Jose Casas.

SAN FRANCISCO (Cordoba).—Argentine feather champion Alfredo Bunetta decision in 10 rounds over Oscar Vargas.

SAN JUAN.—In the welter division, Dante "Red" Rodriguez, a good prospect, knocked out Ramon Vargas in the 6th.

TEMPERLEY. — Ex-Argentine feather champion, Manuel Alvarez now in the lightweight class, outpointed Juan Campos in 10 rounds.

MENDOZA.—In the lightweight division, Nicolino (Nico) Loche drew in 10 rounds with Vicente Derado. In another stadium, the same night, Carlos Miranda, No. 1 in the Argentine fly division, kayoed Hugo Villarroel in the 5th session.

BUENOS AIRES.—At the "Luna Park" ring, featherweight Pedro Miranda won by a T.K.O. in fourth round over Cornelio Yapura.

MAR DEL PLATA.—At the "Bristol" ring, Ubaldo Sacco decisioned Marcelo Decoud in 10 rounds, middles.

TIGRE. — Ex Argentine featherweight champion and South American champ, Ricardo Gonzalez (Gonzalito), won by a T.K.O. in the sixth round over Guillermo Mendoza. This boy was not in the same class as his opponent.

BUENOS AIRES.—At the "Luna Park" ring, welterweight Alfredo Paz decisioned Juan Benitez, in ten, and featherweight Roberto Palavecino drew in 10 rounds with Angel Bustos.

IN MONTEVIDEO URUGUAY
By Mario Laplume

As it always happens during the closing days of the year, there was little boxing activity here. The results of the only program, follows:

Palacio Penarol—Roberto Gonzalez (Uruguay) decisioned Nelson Romero, Uruguay, in 4. They are feathers.

Luis A. Rodriguez (Uruguay) decisioned Hector Arguello, Argentina, in 8. They are bantams.

Amara Millar, Uruguay, kayoed Julio Perez, Uruguay, in six. They are welters.

Antonio De Britos (Uruguay) kayoed Felipe Fuentes (Uruguay) in 6. They are lightweights.

BAHAMAS BOXING NEWS
Chris Malakius

NASSAU—New promoter Douglas Carey presented a good show at the opening of his new Nassau Stadium on January 18th. Rocky Ferguson, 143, one of the Bahamas top fighters, stopped Baldwin Deveaux, 159, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

In the semi-final promising Vogal Reckly, 155, scored a T.K.O. over Elton Taylor, 159, in the seventh-round prelims. Ben Johnson, 150, stopped Sammie Major, 150, in 4. Ray Minus, 135, decisioned "Kid Cobar", 130, Garth Darville, 126, stopped Dondie Dorsett, 123, and Tony Munroe, 95, and Paul Fox, 95, draw in 3.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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Years ago, boxing was abolished in the U. S. for lesser scandals than we have faced during the past few years. Fixed rights brought about legislative action that made boxing illegal in California, New York and Illinois, three of the major boxing centers of the world.

Veteran sportsmen recall the passage of the Horton Law in New York in 1896, which permitted fights to be conducted without limit to the number of rounds, permitted decisions and the posting of forfeits and side bets. The sport was not conducted by a Boxing commission. Each promoter of a club handled its own affairs. Then came the McCoy-Corbett fiasco in Madison Square Garden that brought about the repeal of the law in 1900 after which boxing was staged under club membership rules until 1911 when the Frawley Law was passed legalizing it again. But crookedness, more fixed fights and gambling brought about its demise in 1917 and until the Walker Law went into effect on May 24, 1920, the sport again was illegal in New York.

Likewise in most other parts of the country. It was not until the Walker Law proved its effectiveness, that protective measures were taken by many other states and legalized boxing took a firm grip in our country. Today, with few exceptions, either State or local commissions are in control, yet with powerful weapons in their hands, commissions sit by idly, wary of political interference and permit hoodlums to take over their powers. They possess the necessary police powers but seldom exercise them.

This is the era of sports arenas. Indoors and outdoors, they speak the language of America. Within them, the history of American sports, particularly boxing has been written. Historic boxing feats have been recorded and the cheers of millions have been heard.

It is this that boxing enthusiasts who are fighting the rackeeters, the unsavory element in the sport, are trying to save. But so long as dissension in the ranks of those who are appointed to rule boxing exists, the dangers of total abolition or national control are strong.

Let's harp back to the days of old. Bar-room brawls, bouts in barns, in cellars of taverns, in dance halls and in country-side hide-outs, were prominent. Those days will never be repeated. But they are a reminder of what did take place when fight enthusiasts were deprived of legal protection. Our near-sighted boxing commissions should study the situation before they permit the sport to get wholly out of bounds.

While on the subject of legalized boxing it is interesting to note that the first state in the Union to legalize boxing was Louisiana. The Legislative Act Number 25 of June 25, 1890, permitted glove fights to be staged under the protection of the State government for the first time in American history. As in the Horton Law of New York, no limit was set to the number of rounds, decisions were permitted and no license was required from promoters, managers or contestants.

On July 3, 1914, finish fights were abolished and by Act No. 63, bouts were limited to 20 rounds to a decision and all boxing matches had to be staged under the auspices of an incorporated club. It was not until July 7, 1920, following the enactment of the Walker Law in New York, that a new act was passed, calling for a state boxing commission to rule the sport.

New Orleans was the ring capital of the country during the bare knuckle and skin-tight gloves era during the period from 1870 through 1890 and again when boxing was outlawed by New York.

To-day, both New Orleans and New York are virtually dormant boxing cities. But in California, where the commission rules with an iron hand, the sport thrives.

THE RING DETECTIVE

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be forced to resume the fight.

"I made the referee and the fans foul conscious. I guess I had Wolgast thinking he had fouled Freddy. In the eleventh round Wolgast landed one below the belt and I screamed, 'Another foul. How much longer is this fiasco going to continue?'

"The referee got scared and stopped the fight, giving it to Welsh on a foul.

"So, you see, Brady's stick pin won a fight which Welsh already had lost by a knockout."

"Twenty-four days later Welsh met Leonard in Brooklyn, and on September 4, Welsh tackled the tough Charley White in Colorado Springs," Rose continued.

"It was too tough a fight for Freddy. We had brought out Billy Roche as referee. It was a very hot day and Welsh couldn't take the heat and White.

"In the twentieth, I said to Welsh, 'Don't return to your corner. Stay out there and give Roche your arm.'

"Welsh did as I told him, and Roche raised his arm.

"It was a raw finish and the fans heaved everything they could get hold of into the ring.

"I hid under the ring. Before long the fans left, and things quieted down. We hustled Welsh out of town under cover of dark.

"Strange times? Yes, very strange. You had to be smart. Very smart."

In the next issue The Ring Detective will discuss Jack Delaney's one rounder with Jack Sharkey, and other interesting developments.

FLORIDA SPORTS FESTIVAL

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"Not me, let Archie Moore do it. You know, all kidding aside Jack, he needs a rest. If he hopes to keep his title for a long time he better quit the banquet circuit.

"He's been riding too many airplanes. I know what he's going through. Al Weill sent me through it when I was champ. Dempsey didn't have to do it until after he retired, but things are different now," added the Rock.

"Being wined and dined, hopping in planes here and there with little rest, losing the sleep an active champ needs, takes a lot out of you. I don't know whether it's weariness or embarrassment due to the big crowd following us, but whatever the cause, I think Ingemar had better ease up. The pace is getting too hot. He showed it in our golf match today."

Marciano's analysis has been outlined by other experts. They wonder whether the banquets aren't going to catch up with Ingemar should a June or July title defense be in order. Answering that, the Swede remarked that so long as his services are requested he can see no reason for turning down the offers.

"I don't train in public, but I have been keeping in excellent condition. I train daily but I don't do any boxing. That will come when I go to camp to train for my title defense. No one should worry about my condition."

And with that remark he held up his arm, showed his muscles, and added: "It's still here and it will be here when I fight."

At the swank Diplomat Hotel where Sam Benecken and Jenai Strange arranged the Florida Sports Festival for which they had invited outstanding sports celebrities, though Marciano was the chairman of their committee, it was Ingemar who was the center of attraction. With Bernard and Mrs. Castro, the furniture folk as host and hostess, Johansson was kept busy for four days meeting society debs, appearing on television, granting interviews to a horde of newspapermen and making himself generally useful in aiding the ticket sale for the Mrs. Castro's Fort Lauderdale Symphony Orchestra which the festival was supporting with a $100 per plate dinner and floor show. It was at this dinner that twenty awards were made to outstanding athletes, with Ingemar receiving one for being the outstanding boxer for 1959 and the other, voted to him as the athlete who did most for international sports.

Discussing his future while enjoying the hospitality of the Castros aboard their ocean going yacht, Johansson, sitting with his father, mother, brother and sister remarked when asked by Marciano how he liked his latest Florida visit:

"You should know. You live here Rocky. I like it very much. I should like when I retire that I have a yacht like this."

"I didn't have it so easy when I won the title," answered Rocky, "money is flowing into your hands."

"Well, Rocky, maybe I am a better business man, yes? Maybe not so good a fighter," the Swede laughingly answered.

Joshing each other, Rocky continued: "If you keep on touring the country, there'll be no trophies left for others. And the dough? Whose gonna pay us has-beens big money when they can get a handsome fellow like you just to sit and smile."

"Well, then I won't have to worry. I'll have no competition," said the Swede while the Castro guests laughed at the repartee of champion and ex-champ.

Bernard Castro, enjoying the lively chat, broke in to state that he had offered Johansson the use of his huge estate for preliminary training.

"I have a ranch near Ocala," said the furniture tycoon. "Rocky has been there. He likes it. It's an ideal place to get into condition and you and your family can stay there as long as you want," said Castro.

"It's wonderful," added Marciano. "I like it so much, I'd even spend a little time there with you, Ingemar," he said. "I was there for three weeks and its great for road work, bag punching and things like that. You would enjoy it before going north to start training."

"You're all welcome," said Mrs. Castro. "We'd like to have both you and Rocky," she told Ingemar.

When the party was about to break up, Ingemar divulged that Jack Kearns had sent word to him through me that he is prepared to offer the Swede $750,000 with the option of a guarantee and full rights in closed circuit televison plus picture rights, for a title fight with Archie Moore. Jim Norris, he told me would put up the money.

"I'm hungry for fighting now," said Ingemar. "It's not my fault that I cannot defend my title while all the court action takes place. It is now seven months since I win from Patterson the title. Yes, I think it will be a real big gate, a fight with Archie Moore. I think it might be even bigger than a fight with Patterson. But I promised to fight Patterson but if he sticks with his own people, then I may think about another challenger."

Asked if Moore was that other challenger, he replied in the affirmative.

Requested if by "Patterson's own people," he meant D'Amato, Johansson said:

"Yes, it's my opinion that Patterson never can get away from D'Amato or D'Amato from him. I think Patterson should leave D'Amato and D'Amato should leave him and then perhaps we can have our fight. I still would like to fight him in June."

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

JACKIE DONNELLY, SOUTH BUFFALO LIGHTWEIGHT who has been improving in leaps and bounds, switched managers last month. Veteran Joe Netro who was banned from boxing by the New York state athletic commission gave up his contract with Donnelly and turned the young fighter over to Art Raisen and Phil Gliosca, both of Buffalo. Netro did not disclose just what his future plans are. Donnelly has been a consistent winner since turning pro two years ago.

Promoter Pedro Martinez is satisfied that Buffalo will be a good fight town again and Pedro is developing several local boys for star bouts. Rocky Fumerella and Jimmy Watkins are two others who are rising as boxing attractions.

HERE AND THERE . . . A number of Republicans have been appointed referees and judges in the Buffalo area since Gov. Rockefeller took office. Referee Eddie Seres worked his first wrestling show last month and Louis Goldstein, well-known physical education teacher in the Buffalo school department, became a judge. Goldstein was a former amateur champion bantamweight in his younger days.

WELTER BELTERS

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Stanley Ketchel actually became welterweight champion when he outlasted Joe Thomas in their historic series in California in 1907. The title was vacant at the time but Thomas was billing himself as champion and many authorities recognized him. Ketchel could easily have claimed the laurels but he didn't bother. Still growing, he went after the middleweight title.

A CONFUSING DECADE

For nearly a decade the welterweight championship bounced around the pugilistic landscape with a steady parade of claimants but no universally accepted owner. Jimmy Gardner, Ray Bronson, Jimmy Clabby, Mike Gibbons, Kid Graves and Mike Glover were among the many who took turns in advertising themselves as champion, but it wasn't until the long-winded Ted (Kid) Lewis-Jack Britton "feud" got under way that the division finally came up with an official title-holder.

Between them, Lewis and Britton eliminated the rest of the contenders and Jack was accorded general recognition when he decisioned Lewis in Boston in 1916. Until 1920, when the series ended, with Jack the champion, the pair had a merry time passing the title back and forth.

Typical of the strange developments in the welterweight division was that in twenty bouts, only one knockout was registered, and it wasn't by the harder hitting Lewis. Light-punching Britton scored it. Jack flattened his British rival in the ninth round in Canton, Ohio, in 1919.

Another interesting note on the welterweights is that many of the division's top exponents have outgrown the class and gone onto further glory as middleweights.

After his stunning defeat by McCoy, Ryan moved up to the next class and became middleweight champion. McCoy also became a headliner, although never a champion, in the heavier ranks.

Mickey Walker, Lou Brouillard, Carmen Basilio and Ray Robinson have been other ex-welterweight kings to scale the middleweight heights.

LORD ATHOL LAYTON

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of the series "Live Wrestling" on WJW-TV every Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 on Channel 8 in the State of Ohio is tremendous.

The razzle-dazzle of nightly competition on the mat may be drawing to a close for Lord Layton. It is no secret that he prefers a full-time career in television. Although virtually unmarked after more than 1,500 bouts under his belt, he is still in his physical prime. But, he makes no secret of the fact that he would like nothing better than to settle down in one city and take up some less exacting way of earning a living for the sake of his charming wife and two sons, Christopher, 6 and John, 16.

The way in which residents of Cleveland have accepted Lord Layton is enough to move the sole of any man. Whether he is in the ring as a participant or at the microphone describing the action of wrestling matches, Lord Layton's followers are legion and they have a respect for the man that must be admired. Cleveland writers such as Ed Bang and George Condon have featured Lord Layton in their popular columns. It goes without saying that Lord Layton has completely taken over the City of Cleveland and if he decides to go to Cleveland permanently as a wrestling commentator, it will indeed be wrestling's loss. But, if it will make Lord Layton and his family happy, it would seem to be the proper thing to do.

HAROLD JOHNSON

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tion ability. This was the case of the "gimmicked" orange, on which Harold hung the blame for a shocking two rounds setback at the hands of crude Cuban Julio Mederos. After sampling the fruit, it was claimed, Johnson proved helpless against Mederos.

This has all been forgotten now, and the N.B.A. is beginning to crowd old Archie in Moore's behalf. For a number of years leading lightheavyweights have by their avoidance of him, paid tacit tribute to his talents, and Moore seems to be following the same routine; notwithstanding the result of their last bout, as shown by his reminder to the Philly warrior, that patience is a virtue.

Though widely spaced most of his fights have been with solid opponents, to whom he usually conceded weight, but interestingly the fight Johnson recalls as his toughest wasn't in the ring. *"That was with five—that's right, five—Marines when I was in the Navy in World War II in San Diego,"* he reveals. A modest chap he goes into no further details, but there's a suspicion that it must have been a pretty rough engagement for the Marines, also.

Married and a father of one, Johnson, well spoken and clean cut in manner and appearance, is a music buff, and expects to follow through with this avocation when his ring days come to an end. An understanding chap, he can see where old Archie can be expected to shoot for a huge haul, with time running out, but doesn't feel he should have to be patient much longer.

He is confident that with little class opposition to speak of, his sixth meeting with Archie Moore will come to pass before the year is out.

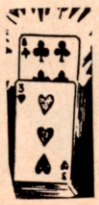
LAS VEGAS NOTES

By Red Greb

BIG CHARLIE POWELL AND HOWARD KING TREATED LAS VEGAS FIGHT FANS TO THE GREATEST SLUGFEST EVER STAGED HERE. Powell, weighing a hefty 218, looked like a certain kayo winner after King, 195, was badly hurt from a whistling right-cross to the chin early in the third round, but King recovered and staged a sensational comeback. The slugging was evenly exchanged throughout the round and the crowd of 4,000 stood on their feet at the bell and cheered the gladiators for their all-out effort. Judge Ray Lassard voted for Powell; Judge Ralph Rose tabbed it for King, and Referee Scott Sneddon made the decision a draw by calling it even.

The prelims: Lamar Clark, 185, Cedar City, Utah needed but 59 seconds to dispose of Kenny Hayden, 195, Los Angeles, in a scheduled 6. Clark, a stablemate of Gene Fullmer, now has established an all-time record of 44 consecutive kayoes. Blackjack Billy Fox held the record at 43 until now.

Baby Moe Macias, 119, Las Vegas, never looked better in flattening Sandy Garcia, 118, Los Angeles. Moe thudded a starboard special on Sandy's chin and the referee tolled-off the ten-count in the first round. Garcia was counted out for the first time in 17 bouts.



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MILLION $ BUBBLE BURSTS

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"What is there to say? I lost the title through a split decision. I think I clearly won it, but I have no dispute with the officials. It is their verdict and I must accept it. The referee gave it to me but the judges saw it the other way. That's the decision."

With these words, Ray sat disconsolate, his thoughts apparently centered on the two lucrative matches he had turned down for "an easy touch" as he had figured, prior to forcing Fullmer to enter into an agreement suitable to Robinson. He had been offered half a million to fight Gene and another similar amount for a bout with Archie Moore. He shunted both aside in the hopes of obtaining a larger sum and now he's out in the cold unless he regains the crown.

"Do you expect to retire?", Ray was asked.

"Why retire?", he answered. *"I have a 90 days return clause contract which I will be ready to take up and I'm certain Pender will honor it."*

"Where will that fight take place?", he was asked.

"There is a clause giving me the right to choose the date and place," he replied, *"and I assure you it won't be in Boston. We will have our return early in May in New York."*

"Outdoors or indoors," one reporter queried.

"Indoors, of course. In Madison Square Garden and the sooner the better."

But Johnny Buckley, manager of Pender, when informed of Robinson's statement, declared:

"We had to go to extremes to get this fight and now we are sitting in the driver's seat and we will do the dictating no matter what the contract says. We will give Ray a return but it will take place in the Boston Garden, not in New York," he insisted.

To which Sam Silverman, promoter of the Boston show, opined, *"We will take the fight wherever it will draw best. It will be either here or New York since no other state accepts Pender as the world champion which he definitely is."*

Whatever the final decision, it is safe to state that Ray will have his return match and may yet emerge with another championship. His advisor, George Gainsford, in a bitter attack against the judges who voted for Pender aptly said:

"You know Sugar has loaned out his title before. He'll regain it, that's my firm conviction."

Thus ended the dressing room interviews following an outstanding upset in fistic history. Twenty years of ring warfare with 22 months of ring rustiness except for one and a half rounds of competition in a tune-up fight, caught up with Ray.

Ray wasn't the magnificent, graceful artist whose blinding speed of legs, feet and brain had raised him to the top rung of Fistiana's Greats.

There were no knockdowns but there was sufficient opportunity for the cheering. Especially in the eleventh round in which Pender began to toss his right for the first time. It was this hand that had been severely injured and was favored in the early rounds. But during the intermission between the tenth and eleventh rounds, Johnny Buckley, former manager of world heavyweight champion, Jack Sharkey, despite his 74 years and his recent illness, got into the ring to offer advice to Paul: By this time Robbie had become wild and uncertain and Buckley decided it was time for his boy to take chances.

"He's tiring Paul. Take a gamble now. Let go with your right. Go after him from now on and the title is yours," he told Pender.

Then Manager Buckley got back to his corner and as the round started, he saw his charge shoot the right across with effectiveness. Then came several other rights and combinations of jabs and hooks and Pender took the play away from his rival. He continued this strategy during the remainder of the fight and at times in the last two frames, a weary title holder had slowed down to a snail's pace and often went into a clinch. Buckley's orders were carried out and the fight was clinched.

Eleven years of ring misfortune, broken hands and financial discouragement had ended for Paul Pender. He had won in my opinion, a close fight despite the minority vote of Referee Zapustas, the old Fordham fullback.

Four times before Ray had reclaimed "loaned" property, and it won't be a surprise, should he reclaim it again when next he faces Pender. But to do he will have to show far more than he did in Boston. Ten rounds seems to be his limit now in a bout of speed and unless he can tag his opponent during that period, the chances of a triumph are not too bright.

But let us not push Ray aside as a has-been. He still possesses skill sufficient to draw the throngs into the arena and in all-around ability, he is still superior to the top men of his division. Age and speed are what he must overcome and Pender had both.

One of Pender's good rounds was the seventh in which a left handed barrange had Ray baffled. But in that round Pender suffered a wound over the left eye which as the fight went on opened wider and necessitated six stitches after the bout. Robinson made the wound his target in the eighth and scored with long lefts. He continued to go after the cut in the next two rounds, after which the tide turned and Pender's rallies checked Ray's attacks.

The best round of the fight was the eleventh. That was the session when Pender's right went into action. He didn't give Ray hitting room in the final rounds. Paul hooked, jabbed, countered, slid to one side, backed away when necessary, smothered Ray's attack, moved inside his best punches and commanded the situation.

The more Sugar Ray tried to connect with his famed knockout punch, the more he missed and unsteady he became. Several times his wild blows landed in foul territory but brought no warning from the referee. They were punches aimed for the body but the target wasn't there though on TV, I'm told, it appeared that all of Ray's body blows hit the mark. There were more rabbit punches landed by each than I've seen since the Turpin-Robbie fight in London in which Ray lost the crown.

Robinson scaled half pound less than his rival, 159¼ to 159¾. Ray received $30,874 in addition to $57,437, his share of the $75,000 paid for Radio-Tv rights. Pender took down $14,529 of the net of $72,646 and $9,406 from radio and television, for a total of $23,935, the largest he ever received in an eleven year fighting career during which he had to quit boxing four times to enable him to earn a living. Robbie's total of $83,311 was half a million short of what he could have earned had he accepted Gene Fullmer as his opponent.

Thus the man who had held the world middleweight crown five times and had contemptuously turned down $500,000 guarantee from the Madison Square Garden Club for a championship match with Gene and had outsmarted himself with a fabulous purse demand for a light heavyweight contest with Archie Moore, became the victim of his own avarice.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

HAMMERIN' HENRY HANK proved to a national television audience that he is one of the hardest punchers in the world pound for pound, when he stopped light heavyweight Jesse Bowdry in the sixth round. Hank spotted the St. Louis belter some eight pounds, but it never made any difference as Jim Bowlin's fighter scored his second straight KO over Bowdry and registered three knockdowns in the process.

▶Boxing returned to the local scene after an absence of five months, when Gene Gresham, state lightweight champion, challenged for the Michigan welterweight crown against fellow Detroiter Charley "Tiger" Smith at the Graystone Ballroom. Over 1200 fans turned out to watch the first fifteen round contest to be staged in this state since Ezz Charles defended his heavyweight title successfully against Jersey Joe Walcott at the Olympic Stadium.

At 137 pounds Gresham spotted his opponent six pounds plus advantages in reach and height. Never-the-less the 21 years old protege of Forrest Foster proceeded to chop down Smith to his size and was awarded a TKO at the end of the fourteenth round. It was perhaps one of Gresham's finest performances although Smith should be given credit for his aggressiveness. The end came about when Gresham landed a smashing right hand near the end of the thirteenth round from which Smith never recovered and he was unable to answer the bell for the fourteenth round.

The preliminary card produced many thrills for the onlookers, highlighted by return to action by Jackie Richards, who won a five round heavyweight bout over Paul Bailey, both of Detroit. Hungarian amateur lightweight champion (1957), Les Bagi, made his debut here a winning effort over veteran Napoleon Ludy, of Detroit, in another five. Two prospective Detroit heavyweights, Ernest Berthet Jr., and Andrew Holt battled to an old slugfest draw over the four round distance, and Jake McGinn, Battle Creek lightweight, stopped Russ (King-Pin) Moore, of Toledo, in the first round.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Les Huffman

EX BOXER MICHAEL SCHRECK, WHO FOUGHT SOME OF THE WORLDS BEST LIGHT HEAVYWEIGT AND HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTERS AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, PASSED AWAY in Cincinnati, Ohio in the Drake Memorial hospital.

Schreck stopped Marvin Hart, who was recognized by Jim Jeffries as his heavy weight Championship successor in 1905. Hart lost his claim to the title to Tommy Burns in 1906, and Schreck scored a knockout over Hart in 21 rounds on May the 13th 1907 in Tonopah, Nev., and again on a four round knock out on July 26th 1909 at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Schreck also fought Burns twice winning a 10 round bout in 1902, and getting a six round draw in 1904. During his 15 year career, Schreck also fought light heavyweight champions George Gardner and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien.

▶Akron, Ohio, came to bat with the first pro boxing show in several years when the K of C Club staged a ten round fight between Johnny Palmer of Columbus, Ohio, and Solomon (BUZZSAW) Boysaw of Cleveland, Ohio. The fight was staged in the Armory at Akron.

Palmer did not last long. After giving a good account of himself in the first round BuzzSaw dropped the Boom on him in the second when a short right hand hit dropped Palmer for the full count. The first was publicized as for the lightweight Championship of Ohio.

OTHER BOUTS.

▶Tony Highes, 209 of Cleveland, Ohio, hit Earl Mack of Lorain, Ohio, a good right hand jolt which spelled defeat for Mack. It took Tony just 1.01 of the first round to end this bout.

Guido Piccone, Canton Middleweight, staggered Larry Kelley, Cleveland, Ohio, several times throughout their six rounder to win the contest Piccone won by a wide margin but Kelley forced the fight all the way.

Bill Lewis, Akron, Ohio light heavyweight, used his six inch reach and some stiff right hand uppercuts to carve out a clean-cut victory over game Joe (Shotgun) Sheldon of Cleveland, Ohio, in four.

Vernon Norman, Cleveland lightweight, was awarded a TKO over Nimrod Bowman in the third heat after battering Bowman. Bowman was unable to come out for the fourth and final round because of a very bad left cut eye.

Johnny Howards, Cleveland, Ohio welterweight, won a four round decision over Jerry Wells, who spotted Howards 10 pounds.

In a bonus bout sleepy-eyed Kenneth Griggs of Youngstown, Ohio, won on a three round TKO over Eddie Arnold of Detroit, Michigan, in a light heavyweight scrap.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

BOXING ACTIVITY IS STARTING TO SHOW SOMEWHAT OF A GREEN LIGHT IN THIS SECTION. Jimmy Brown, trainer of former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles told this writer that he has a group of business men who will sponsor him as matchmaker, with operations sighted at the Cincinnati Gardens. The new setup plans to operate on a monthly basis to start, with probability of one large show and one small talent-seeking program each month to follow.

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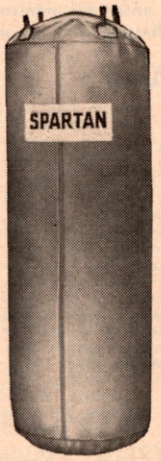

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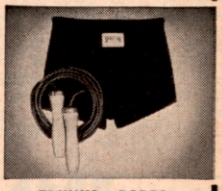

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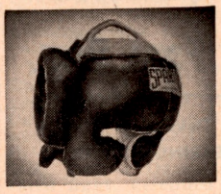

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AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
By Don Elbaum

ERIE . . . JOHNNY BIZZARRO, 133, SICK FOR THREE DAYS WITH THE FLU had his hands full with clever Tony Christy, Pittsburgh, and was lucky to wind up with a draw in the main event at Cauley Audi.

The fight lacked the thrills of Johnny's previous encounters as he was far off form and was lacking his usual punch and perpetual motion.

The six round semi-final turned out to be the fight of the night between Walt Turner, 152, Middletown, Ohio, and Frank Smith, 145, Warren, Ohio. The two sluggers stood toe to toe for six rounds with first one then the other being nailed with vicious hooks and crosses. Both fighters were on the verge of going down numerous times. Turner has now won four out of five.

Another six lasted only 2:34 seconds as Ferenc Martinovich blasted Johnny Howard of Cleveland out with one big right hand. The Hungarian slugger looks like the goods as he scored his third straight local KO, Martinovich, 140—Howard, 144.

In fours Godfredo Laboy, 152, had an easy time winning over Henry Mallory, 155, Pittsburgh. Joey Fiske, 142, Erie, won his fifth straight fight as he easily defeated Bob Spencer, 140, Warren, Ohio. Fiske dropped Spencer in the second round.

Tom Gerarde, 179, Warren, Pa. was on his way to an easy win when he was caught with a wild right hand by Tex Natin in the third round that resulted in a cut eye which was stopped by Referee Babe Harkins in :40 of that round. Natin, making his pro debut weighed 174.

A crowd of 1104 paid $2500 to see the card promoted by this writer.

▶Pittsburgh . . . Bobby Stininato avenged two previous defeats and KO'd Bobby Hughes in 2:19 of the second round. Hughes had KO'd and defeated the Cleveland Bobby in their other bouts. One big right hand ended the main event.

The complete card took only one hour and five minutes and a total of 11 rounds. Other fights saw Skippy Green KO Kid Charles, Johnstown, in 1:38 of the third of another eight rounder and Ferenc Martinovich took 1:15 of the second to stop Hurricane Carter. Connie Vaughn chilled Sonny Brown in 2:58 of the second in the best fight of the night and good looking Herbie Williams, 153, KO'd Joe Johnson in 2:43 of the first. Both of these boys are from Pittsburgh. My address is 1102 State St., Erie, Pa.

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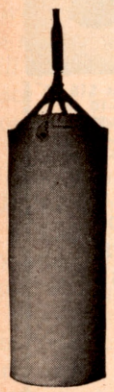

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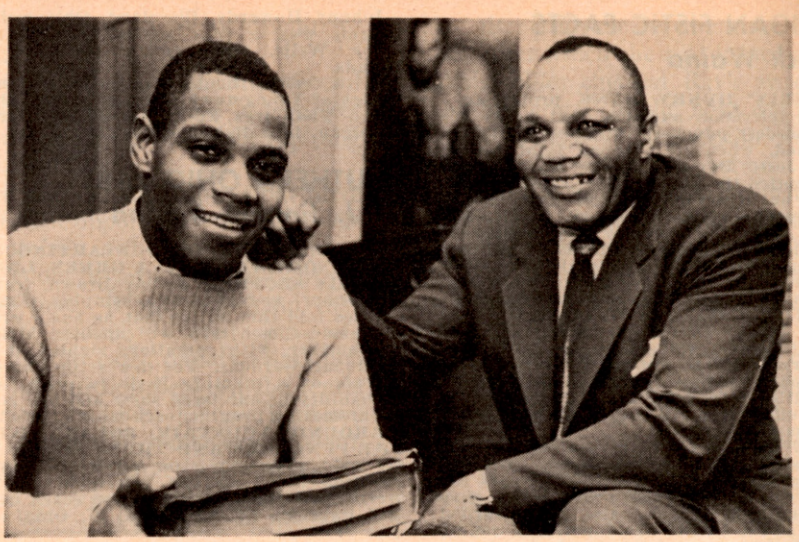

Former World Heavyweight Champion Jersey Joe Walcott poses smiling with his son Vincent, 19, who had been training for a boxing career, but has changed his mind and decided to enter the ministry. Walcott, always a devout churchgoer and family man, is pleased with his son's choice.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

▶**PROVIDENCE ARCADIA**—George Maddox, 153¾, Hyannis, scored his most important win to date when he gained a unanimous decision over former New England middleweight champion Jackson Brown, 156, Boston, in ten rounds. It was an interesting battle marked by many toe-to-toe exchanges.

Johnny Otto, 165½, Hyannis, stopped an exhausted Paul Rossi, 172½, Thompsonville, Conn., who was unable to answer the bell for the third round. The bout was slated for eight rounds. In six rounders: Mercer Smith, 132½, Providence, stopped Al Scalzo, 132, Bridgeport, and Jimmy Brown, 138¼, New Bedford, upset Richie Grassley, 133, Providence, Don Manni, 149, Hyannis, made an auspicious pro start by halting Johnny Araujo, 155½, New Bedford, in the first of a four.

▶**PROVIDENCE ARCADIA**—Bernie Lynn, 154, New York, making his first start since being discharged from the Army upset George Maddox, 156¾, Hyannis, and handed him his first defeat after thirteen wins. The verdict in their ten round bout was split. Maddox completely held the upperhand when the action was at long range but seemed unable to control the milling in close.

Johnny Otto, 167, Hyannis, received a short —very short—going over from Willie Pollard, 161½, Boston, before he lowered the boom in the first round of the eight round semi-final. Bernie Watts, 138½, New York, withstood Richie Grassley's opening assault and stopped him in the first round. Grassley of Providence weighed 133½. Jimmy Dorsey, 146½, New York, decisioned Harold Richardson, 147¼, New York, in six rounds. Jay Roche, 143¾, New York, gained a four round decision from Johnny Gorman, 147½, Providence, in the opener.

▶**BOSTON GARDEN**—Boxing fans all over the nation saw the televised bout in which Paul Pender, 159¾, Brookline, removed the last vestige of Sugar Ray Robinson's middleweight crown, by gaining a split 15 round decision. Robinson scaled 159¼. He lacked his usual snap and Pender capitalized on it. For ten rounds he fought a defensive fight making Robinson miss punch after punch. After Sugar Ray tired, Pender stepped up the pace and had Ray holding on at the end of several rounds.

In prelims: Paul Stivaletta, 151, Dedham, stopped Verl Carr, 157, Boston, in the first round; Bob Fosmire, 145, East Boston, halted Bobby Barrett, 150, Dorchester, in the second; Matt Mullane, 129, Springfield, impressed with a four round decision over Bob Shaughnessy, 128, Dorchester; Don Manni, 146, Hyannis, disposed of Jimmy Brown, 143½, New Bedford, in the first round; Johnny Mastrangelo, 149, East Boston, outgunned Dom Prestone, 147, Malden, to win a four round decision; and Oscar Fields, 188, New York, cut down Charley Lopes, 224, Boston, in the fourth round.

▶**PROVIDENCE ARCADIA**—Joe DeNucci, 169½, Newton, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Johnny Otto, 164¼, Hyannis, in a rip-roaring bout between a pair of sluggers. The bout was crammed with action from start to finish with DeNucci's greater experience proving his forte. There was only one knockdown, that in the fourth, when Otto was dropped from a terrific right. DeNucci tried to finish his foe but only became arm weary in the attempt.

Bobby Soares, 132, Providence, gained a split decision in the six round semifinal from Mercer (Tiger) Smith, 132½, Providence. Roy Phillips, 180, Boston, stiffened Alvin Simkins, 172¼, Dorchester, in the opening heat. Roosevelt Matthews, 136½, Boston, won over Tony Caruolo, 140½, Providence, in a four; while in another, Frank Gilliam, 163, East Weymouth, outpunched Jimmy Church, 167, Providence.

▶**BOSTON—UNIVERSITY CLUB**—Tommy Haden, 140, Binghamton, N. Y., scored a TKO over Earl Matthews, 135, Boston, when the latter suffered a cut over his left eye causing their eight round bout to be stopped in the second round. A right cross opened the cut which bled excessively.

Don Manni, 145½, Hyannis, stopped Tony Caruolo, 141, Providence, in the second round of a sixer. In another six spot, Matt Mullane, 128¼, Springfield, whipped veteran Bobby Soares, 133, Providence.

BOXING NEWS FROM MONTREAL
By Wallace Brown

HARRY MENCHINI, FORMER MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF CANADA passed away recently at Massena, N. Y. Menchini was 54 years of age. Friend and protege of ex champ Jack Dempsey, he settled down in Massena where he operated a hotel.

Harry was still active in boxing where he found time to train young fighters. He was also trainer for the Ottawa Seconds football club and the Ottawa Senators hockey club.

ROGER LARIVEE, THE POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL AMATEUR BOXING COACH of the White Owl A.C. in Montreal has made arrangements to stage a professional boxing card February 15, at the St. Jean Baptiste gym.

Heading the card will probably be veteran Armand Savoie, former lightweight contender. Good Luck Roger.

FROM THE MARITIMES
By Fred Bishop

SYDNEY, N. S.

New Canadian Bantam Champ, Johnnie Devison, 123, Glace Bay, had far too many guns for young Bobby Shaunessey, 122, Brockton, Massachusetts and stopped him at the end of eight after a slow fight. Shaunessey had his left eye ripped open during the eighth as he was just starting to come on and may well have pulled an upset if it had gone to the tenth and last round.

Alf Grant, 153, Halifax, heavy fisted veteran turned tables on Bobo Bonaparte, 156, Sydney, as he came on fast in the last two rounds to cop a split vote in six.

In another six, Tyrone Gardiner, 137, Sydney proved too ringwise for young Kenny Dean, 143, Halifax and walked off with a unanimous dec. in a good fight.

In a four round opener George MacLeod, 124, Sydney outpointed Fred McNeil 123, Halifax.

The former well known Maritime fighters, Red McPherson & Mickey McMullin were referees.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

RALPH DUPAS, VICTIM OF SOME TOUGH BREAKS DURING 1959, IS HOPEFUL OF LANDING A TITLE BOUT WITH WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION DON JORDAN THIS YEAR. The New Orleans "whiz kid" got off to a flying start in 1960 when he whipped Kenny Lane, his old time rival, in a nationwide television tenner at Mobile, Ala., on January 13. And Whitey Esneault's bread-winner lost no time issuing a challenge to the 147-pound ruler—either in a championship bout or a bout at catchweights.

At 144½ pounds, Dupas turned in an impressive victory over Lane. It was the rubber match between the pair, Ralph and Kenny having split a couple of 10 rounders in the Crescent City when both were fighting as lightweights. Dupas tossed his stab, jab and clinch style out of the window in whipping the Michigan lefty. He went after Kenny from the opening round.

Jack Kearns, co-manager with Pete Petrosky of Lane, said that Kenny would probably fight as a lightweight in the future. Doc contends that the southpaw can easily make the 135-pound lightweight limit without too much trouble.

Lane was bleeding from the nose and right cheek as well as the left eye—a 2½ inch gash which required several stitches. "Every time I got inside, he'd weave away and then come up with that left hook," said Lane. "He was too strong for me tonight."

It was Dupas' 98th pro fight of which he won 79 against 13 losses and six draws. Lane's record now reads 58 wins, eight defeats.

The television fight, first in Mobile history, lured 3,000 customers who grossed $8,383.

▶Less than a week after Dupas' success against Lane, Ralph's kid brother, Tony, made his New York debut in a 10 rounder with Victor Zalazar of Argentina. Tony, at a big disadvantage in height, reach and weight, lost the decision to the hard punching Argentine middleweight. Zalazar, who outweighed Tony by 8¼ pounds and towered nearly six inches over his smaller foe, was the winner by a unanimous decision at the Academy of Music.

▶With Jimmy Davis ready to move back into the state mansion in May, all signs point to Emile Bruneau getting back as a member of the La. State Boxing Commission. Bruneau, on the commission for more than 10 years, was given the axe by Gov. Earl K. Long when it was learned that Bruneau was supporting Davis for governor.

▶Promoter Lou Messina wants it be known that he has changed addresses and telephone numbers, just in case various promoters, managers and fighters are eager to contact him. Lou's new address in New Orleans is 6017 Vicksburg Street, and his telephone number is HUnter 8-6989.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

SANTIAGO GUTIERREZ THE LATIN LARRUPER FROM SAN ANTONE survived some rough going to outpoint hometown rival Al Juergens in a wild and wooly twelve round State middleweight title banging bee. Gutierrez came out with a badly battered breather, and the veteran Juergens suffered several facial lacerations. It was a first class war; and at the end there was little to choose between the pair. Santiago scaled 157, to become the Texas middleweight king, and Juergens was three pounds lighter at 154.

Benny Castillo, 149, San Antonio, gained a six round tko over highly regarded Joe Cancio, 154, Brownsville. Cancio, a border favorite, was furious at the battle being stopped and awarded to Castillo because of a cut eye. Gil Tapia, 138, San Antonio, southpawed his way to a six round win over Rogelio Ruiz Sandoval, 142. Virgilio Garcia, 149, iced Leo Roberson, 147, in the second session. Tito Guillen, 127, beat Rafael Gonzales, 125, in the four round curtain raiser.

▶Austin, Texas, Texas Youth Development Ass'n.:—Frankie Duran, 116, Austin, kayoed Gino Tovar, 118½, Brownsville, in the tenth round. Tano Serna, 131½, Austin, starched Leroy "Buddy" Anderson, 142, Austin, in the second. Carlos Navarro, 159, whipped Benny Davison, 162, in a four, and Tolo Silva, 148½, did likewise to Sam Gray, 146.

▶Brownsville, Texas. Nolan B. Aycock, Promoter:—The border city of Brownsville under the direction of Nolan Aycock opened the doors to pro boxing once again, and Gonzalo Galen, 114, stopped Elias De Leon, 113, in the fourth round. In an eight rounder, Elias Reyes, 128, whipped Lauro Martinez, 128. Francisco Ortiz, 119, decisioned Jose Luis Cepeda, in six. Juan Galvan, 119, duked Guadalupe Vasquez, 118, in a four.

▶Amarillo, Texas, Willie Roach, Promoter:—Professional pugilism returned to Amarillo after a long absence under the auspices of the Southwest Boxing Club. Though there was six to eight inches of snow on the ground, and a reported five degrees below zero, the inaugural show still drew a surprisingly good gate of $2,500.

Ralph Smith, serving as matchmaker, paired Donnie Fleeman, with the traveling Hungarian refugee, Charlie Pavlis, in the headline attraction. Pavlis was out front as the fourth round began, and looked extremely good. Suddenly the long armed Fleeman tossed one from center field with a thud against the exposed jaw of the man from behind the iron curtain. Pavlis sprawled into the ropes and there was no question but that he was in grave distress.

As gallant as they come he managed to raise himself erect, but was in no condition to continue. Fleeman, a crude but dangerous adversary, at 178, and Pavlis, a willing mixer, at 176.

Joey Archer, 163, the Bronx Boy now fighting out of Houston, keeps rolling along like de ribber in dat ole song and added another victim to his ever growing list in Lamoine. "Babe" Vance, 168; Quinlan, in the eight round semi-windup. In a very special six round war, Tod Herring, 108, Houston, won with ease over Willie Morris, 177, Dallas. It was the seventh consecutive victory for Herring. Henry Watson, 143, Dallas, had no trouble gaining a six round decision over Danny Salazar, 142, Houston. Salazar who had just beaten veteran Al Boudreaux a few weeks before could never get started against Watson. In the four round opener, Merrell Johnson, 163, iced George Denham, 172, in the second round.

▶Beaumont, Texas, Beaumont Boxing Club:—Garland "Rip" Randall, 134½, became the Texas lightweight champion when he took a 12 round decision from Ray Portilla before 1100 fans in Beaumont. The Texas Boxing Commission sanctioned the title bout since Rax Riojas has taken up residence in California and was no longer in position to defend the belt. Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 169, Los Angeles, hammered out a six round win over Harold "Tiger" Redman, 157. Floyd East, 138, Lake Charles, got back in the winning column by pounding out a win over veteran Al Boudreaux, 140, New Orleans. Louis "Ernie" Tubbs, 140, Houston, whipped Homer Paul, 137, Beaumont, in a four rounder.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE LAST FIGHT OF 1959 IS OVER; THE FIRST FIGHT OF 1960 HAS BEEN FOUGHT. The last bout of last year was at Sydney Stadium when Golden Boy featherweight David Floyd knocked out Malcolm Amos with as sweet a right-hand counter punch as one would care to witness. Amos moved in with a straight left. Southpaw Floyd sped the right straight as a gun barrel to the jaw. Down went Amos in a heap. The end came in the sixth round.

▶The first fight of 1960 was at the Melbourne Festival Hall. Willie Quattor, German featherweight champion, gain a comfortable points win over Italian Aldo Pravisani over twelve rounds. But the Italian fans didn't see it that way. They saw Pravisani swarm over the German in the last couple of rounds and clean forgot what had happened in the earlier rounds. Result was a riot. The fans threw punches and brawls broke out in several parts of the Festival Hall.

During 1959 there were over 900 professional boxing bouts in Australia. This is much lower than the 1500 average of recent years. The year actually saw a big slump in boxing—particularly in Sydney, Australia's largest city.

Sydney Stadium, which usually shows boxing 46 times a year, was open only 39 times. Melbourne showed 42 times.

Largest crowd at Sydney was the 8,500 to see George Barnes defend his Empire title against Billy Todd.

George Bracken, Australian lightweight champion, fought only four times, but he packed the Melbourne Festival Hall three times during the year and earned himself more money than any other fighter here. His earnings amounted to over $11,000.

The two best performances of the year were given by Bracken when he knocked out the South African champion Johnny Van Rensburg, in five rounds, and by George Barnes when he knocked out Billy Todd in six rounds.

Wally Taylor won the Australian featherweight title in his fourth profight and is a top drawcard in Brisbane.

He lost only one bout from his five during 1959, a highly disputed one to German Willie Quattor.

Allen Williams, after a reign of over four and a half years, during which time he made nine successful title defenses, surprisingly lost his Australian heavyweight title to Steve Raduly by a knockout in three rounds. Williams showed absolutely nothing in that fight and his performance must go down as the most disappointing of the year. Prior to that he had defended his title three times during 1959.

Raduly won the Australian light-heavyweight title from Bull Hughes by a KO in the second round, just five months prior to taking the heavyweight title.

George Barnes twice defended his Empire title against Australian Billy Todd, beating Billy on points at Brisbane in August and knocking him out in six rounds in December.

Johnny Jarrett, Australian bantam champion, won four of his five fights for the year. One bout was against a bantamweight, three against featherweights (he was outpointed in one of these) and one against an Italian lightweight (Jarrett won by knockout).

The most sensational fight of the year occurred at the Melbourne Festival Hall, when George Bracken knocked out Johnny Van Rensburg **twice.** The South African was counted out in the first round, but the bell rang during the count and no one heard it because of the excitement of the fans. The second knockout came in the fifth.

There were 146 boxing promotions in Australia during 1959. Twenty-five places showed boxing.

The most active fighter was featherweight Louis Magnifico, N.S.W. State featherweight champion, who fought 21 times during 1959, winning eight inside the distance, four on points and drawing two.

Most promising boys were featherweight David Floyd, who won his ten fights of the year, seven inside the distance, and Gary Cowburn, Brisbane lightweight and number one contender for the Australian lightweight title. Gary began his pro career in May, 1959, won a Queensland State title in his third fight, defended it successfully a fortnight later and remains undefeated as we come into 1960. He has had eight fights, winning five inside the distance. He could be Australian lightweight champion this year.

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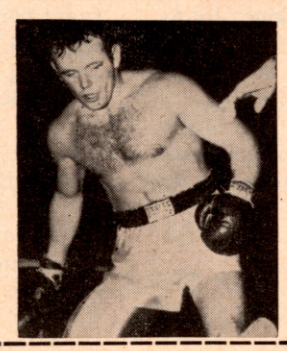

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By JERSEY JONES

THE United States is supposed to be the most enlightened nation on this restless sphere, but there are times when a guy cannot help wondering.

The news of middleweight Jesse Turner's passing not so long ago in his native St. Louis reminded us of the time Duggie Miller ambled out to the Mound City for a date with Turner.

As the referee called the fighters to the center of the ring for pre-bout instructions, he asked Miller: "You're from South Africa?" When Duggie answered in the affirmative, the referee wanted to know: "Do you understand English?"

Then there was a somewhat similar episode when Ray Robinson, on one of his European jaunts, was introduced to the late Dave Sands in Promoter Jack Solomons' office in London.

After Robinson and Sands had chatted casually for a few minutes, a quizzical expression suddenly flitted across Ray's features. "If you're from Australia," he said to Sands, "where did you learn to speak such good English?"

There's nothing like a world champion who's not too familiar with the world he's champion of.

NEW FRENCH HOPE

George Kanter who, as American representative of French manager Jean Bretonnel, has imported such popular performers as Robert Villemain and Pierre Langlois, is getting himself quite excited these days over Bretonnel's latest middleweight entry, Marcel Pigou.

Pigou, as a welterweight, was here for a brief visit in 1957. He fought only once, losing a decision to more experienced Tombstone Smith in Hollywood.

Shortly after returning to France, Pigou was drafted into the French Army. He spent a year and a half in service, was discharged last summer and promptly resumed his interrupted ring career as a middleweight.

To date the young man has chalked up seven straight wins, five by kayos, and has become something of a sensation over yonder. One of the early victims of Pigou's present streak was the touring American, Gene Johns, flattened in two rounds. In his most recent outings, Pigou required only a round apiece to demolish a pair of France's better middleweights, Jacques Belon and Louis Trochon.

Kanter expects to bring Pigou here shortly, and if the Frenchman has developed into the fighter his current record would seem to indicate, he'll be a welcomed addition to the American fistic scene.

ANENT MIKE SCHRECK

Mike Schreck, 79 when counted out in his native Cincinnati recently, was a rugged, durable campaigner during the early years of this century.

Schreck began his fist-fighting career as a middleweight in 1900 and ended it as a heavyweight in 1916. In that span he crowded in about 120 fights, many of them over the gruelling 20- and 25-round routes allowed in that era. Among his opponents were the likes of Tommy Burns, Marvin Hart, George Gardner, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Hugo Kelly, Tony Ross, Dick Gilbert, Al Kaufman, Sam Langford and Carl Morris.

Considering the calibre of the opposition, Schreck's record was an impressive one. Mike didn't lose more than 25 bouts in all, and most of those defeats were suffered during the closing years of his career, when the Ohioan had become fat, flabby and wearing out from his many tough brawls.

At his peak, Schreck was a punishing puncher and about a third of his fights were won by knockouts. Among his outstanding accomplishments were knockouts of former champions, light-heavyweight Gardner and heavyweight Hart. He halted Gardner in 20 rounds in Salt Lake City in 1905 and twice disposed of Hart, first in 21 rounds in Tonopah, Nev., in 1907, then in four rounds in Terre Haute, Ind., two years later.

Schreck's decline began when Sam Langford flattened him in Pittsburgh late in 1909. From then on Mike was a sort of "trial horse" for up-and-coming young heavyweights. Eventually victories became scarcer and defeats more frequent and the Ohioan finally quit the ring when Homer Smith stopped him in two rounds in Troy, N. Y., in 1916.

AROUND THE RING

Babe Culnan, veteran Newark boxing and wrestling promoter, is up and about again after a two-weeks' siege in the Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, N. J. Babe was stricken with a heart attack during the annual New Jersey Boxing Writers' Dinner in Scotch Plains, N. J.

Hustling Jack Barrett is doing a fine job in helping Promoter Pedro Martinez to revive boxing in Buffalo. Jack has arranged four cards with encouraging results so far. Barrett is fortunate in having some promising local attractions in middleweight Gene Tortorice, welterweights Rocky Fumerelle and Jimmy Watkins, and lightweights Jackie Donnelly, Vince Cala and Tony LaBarbara. If the upward trend continues, Barrett hopes to inveigle those Bison City favorites, middleweight Joey Giambra and lightweight Bobby Scanlon, into coming back from California where they've been operating in recent years.

After declining an invitation in 1958 to compete in the elimination tournament for the then vacant world welterweight title, George Barnes, veteran holder of the British Empire championship, has decided, at this late date, that he'd like a crack at the laurels he passed up two years ago. Barnes now 33, would not be averse to meeting Don Jordan either in Australia or in the United States. It is doubtful if he'll be accommodated. Australia couldn't afford to pay what Jordan would want to defend the title and the match would have little, if any, appeal to American promoters.

ANOTHER LANDMARK PASSES

Another noted sports center has given way to the inexorable March of Progress. After nearly four decades of

boxing and wrestling operations, the New Orleans Coliseum is now housing machinery and new equipment of a local utilities organization.

Built in 1922 by the late Frankie Edwards and Peter Judlin, the Coliseum's opening attraction was a heavyweight bout between Charley Weinert and the local favorite, Martin Burke.

Through the years hardly a ringster of consequence didn't show there at some time or another. Among the many champions and title contenders were Pancho Villa, Joe Lynch, Gene Tunney, Jeff Smith, Tom Gibbons, Battling Siki, Rocky Kansas, Jack Britton, Billy (Young) Stribling, Lew Jenkins, Ike Williams, Johnny Bratton, Sammy Angott, Henry Armstrong, Sandy Saddler, Paddy DeMarco, Willie Pep and Virgil Akins. Jack Dempsey also appeared there in a couple of exhibitions.

It was in the Coliseum that such popular Louisianans as the Docusen brothers, Ralph Dupas, Willie Pastrano and the current lightweight champion, Joe Brown, began their ring careers.

Former ring stars Jack Johnson, Jess Willard, Benny Leonard and Max Baer did refereeing stints there.

Nearly a score of other promoters and matchmakers followed Edwards into the Coliseum. Probably the best known were Lenny Elmer, Martin Burke, Arthur Marullo, Dave Schlessinger, Lew Raymond, Nick Lapara and Lou Messina.

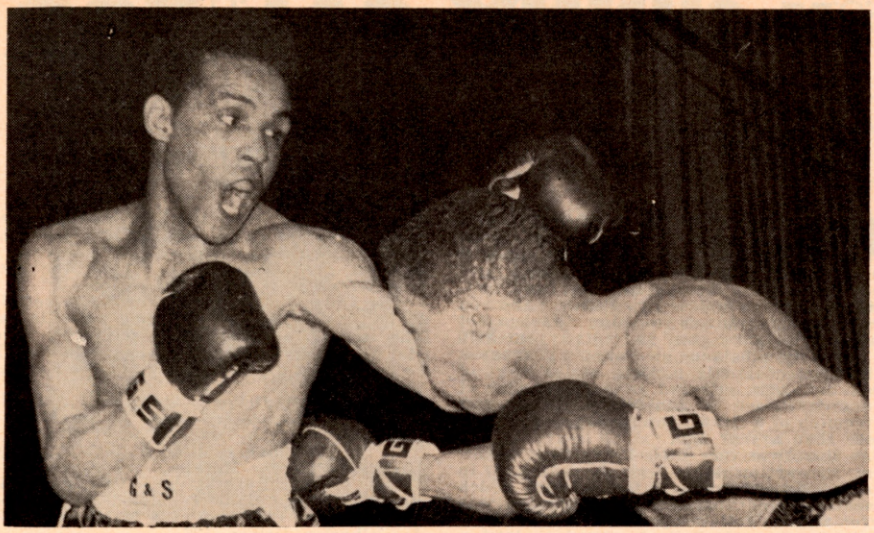
With the advent of the new and larger Auditorium a few years ago, boxing activities began to decline at the Coliseum, but the old arena continued to operate with regular wrestling programs.

JABS AND JOLTS

It was a momentous weekend for Al Bachman, who teams with his dad, Frank, in handling fighters. On a Friday night a pair of Bachman entries, Rory Calhoun and Bob Cleroux, were winners in a Madison Square Garden double windup, and Sunday afternoon Al's household was augmented by the arrival of a second offspring and first son, a husky 10¾-pounder named Robert Steven.

If the offer is legitimate and not merely a publicity gag, Archie Moore had better waste no time grabbing the $100,000 guarantee for defending his light-heavyweight title against Erich Schoppner in Germany. Although he is European champion, Schoppner's record hardly establishes him as a dangerous rival for Ancient Archie. In his two latest outings—and in Germany, too!—Erich could do no better than draw with Frenchman Germinal Ballarin and South African Mike Holt.

What with all sorts of investigations of "monopolies" and "undercover" operations by promoters and managers, the disbanding of the World Championship Committee, and the secession of California from the National Boxing Association and its campaign to organize a new co-operative group of Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states, the sock market these days is stirring up more to-do outside the ring than in it.



Although it looks in this camera shot as though Lahouari Godih was hurt by Roger Harvey's body punch, the French-Algerian actually was an easy winner at the Academy of Music. Godih returned from Europe in time to substitute for Isaac Logart and get himself a good workout at Harvey's expense.

THE month's results:

In posting his sixth straight win and eleventh in twelve professional outings, up-and-coming Chico Rollins, 134½, West Side, had a rougher time than had been generally expected in edging out J. D. Ellis, 146½, Trenton, N. J., in a fast-punching ten at the Academy of Music. Ellis, a rugged, willing mixer, usually held his own with Rollins in their frequent, often exciting exchanges. The referee, George Walsh, felt the action was close enough to warrant a draw verdict, but he was outvoted by the judges, Frank Fullam and Joe Schecter, who gave slight margins to Rollins. In the semi-final six, another lively swatfest, Tommy Pacheco, 138¼, Puerto Rico, grabbed a split decision from Benny Gordon, 134, Bronx. In fours, Abdul Ali, 144, Yemen, outpointed Gaylord Barnes, 149, Valley Stream; Billy Rooks, 156½, Harlem, won from Billy Taylor, 156¼, Washington Heights; Angelo Coloncito, 124, Puerto Rico, decisioned a fellow-islander, Hector Garrido, 123, and Jackie Weiner, 141¾, East Side, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping Herb Rivera, 142¼, Puerto Rico, at 1:20 of the second. Attendance 1,156; gross receipts $2,455.55.

▶The first fight card of the season at Sunnyside Garden produced encouraging results both in the ring and at the box-office. The paid attendance was 1,508 with the gross receipts reaching $3,750. The program, embracing four eights and an opening four, uncovered plenty of lively slugging and lusty punching. In the top numbers, Jimmy Archer, 148, Bronx, was too industrious for Bernie Raines, 146, Stamford, Conn., and Bobby Bartels, 147, Astoria, had too much of everything for Yucatan Rivera, 147, Puerto Rico. The other eights were abbreviated, Billy Pickett, 154, Harlem, flattening Bill Tate, 162, Chicago, in the third, and Ronnie Cohen, 140, New Rochelle, stopping Frankie Madison, 139, Bronx, in the third of a real punchfest. Cohen was down once and Madison four times. In the curtain-raising four, Henry Wallitsch, 186, East Side, outslugged Ike Thomas, 184¾, Alexandria, La.

▶In making it two straight over Charley Scott, 146, Philadelphia, in Madison Square Garden, Benny Paret, 150, Cuba, had much rougher going than in their first brawl, five weeks before. The furious ten was so closely waged that one slim point on Judge Leo Birnbaum's card decided the issue. Birnbaum voted a draw in rounds, 5-5, but gave Paret an 8-7 edge in points. The other officials split their scores, Referee Petey Della favoring Paret, 5-4-1, and Judge Joe Eppy casting the same count for Scott. As in the first brawl, Paret made a bustling, crowding fight of it, giving Scott as little punching room as possible, but the Philadelphian was ready for him this time and registered with some savage counter-punching to the head and body. Several times Paret was shaken by Scott's lusty left hooks but he weathered the stormy sessions and came back fighting. Although Scott was the harder puncher, the only knockdown of the bout was credited to Paret. It was a dubious one. In the fifth round he clipped Scott with a right to the chin. Charley skidded backward, lost his balance and his gloves touched the canvas. The referee called it a knockdown and forced Scott to take a mandatory eight-count. In the semi-final eight, Antonio Marcilla, 145¼, Argentina, handed Eddie Jordan, 144½, Brooklyn, his first defeat. Lindo Rindon, 159¾, Cuba, decisioned Al Hauser, 158½, Philadelphia, in six, and Joe Rubino, 161, Brooklyn, stopped Tommy Della Rocca, 160½, Buffalo, with only 21 seconds left of a scheduled four.

▶Just back from Europe, and substituting for ailing Isaac Logart on three days' notice, French-Algerian Lahouari Godih, 142½, began his latest American campaign by getting himself a brisk workout at the expense of durable Roger Harvey, 142½, Bermuda, in a fast ten at the Academy of Music. The clever Godih relied mainly on an educated left hand that pumped steadily into Harvey's features. At the finish the Bermudan's right eye was nearly closed, he was bleeding from a cut under his left one, and his lips were badly swollen. Fast-rising Obdulio Nunez, 154, Puerto Rico, made it ten wins in eleven pro starts by edging out rugged Bernie Lynn, 154¼, St. Albans, in the semi-final eight. Three other Puerto Ricans appeared in preliminary fours. The only winner was Hector Carrido, 126, and he had to beat a rival islander, Ray Rossy, 129. The bout was over in a hurry, Carrido stopping Rossy at 2:14 of the first. The other Puerto Rican, Gerardo Clemente, 135½, was decisioned by Frank Daly, 137¾, West Side. In the remaining four Tony Antonucci, 153, Astoria, won from Johnny Torres, 153½, Paterson, N. J. A gross of $2,661 was contributed by a turnout of 1,222.

▶Making his first bid for Big Time recognition, Billy Ryan, 171, Lowell, Mass., was revealed as too slow and crude in losing to the veteran Rory Calhoun, 164½, White Plains, in a dull ten in Madison Square Garden. Ryan was willing enough and forced the action most of the way, but Calhoun was entirely too ringwise for him. In stepping back out of an exchange in the sixth round, Ryan lost his balance and flopped on the seat of his pants. He was up immediately but Referee Ruby Goldstein called it a knockdown and the New Englander had to take the mandatory eight-count. It was learned later that Ryan had sprained his right ankle. Fat and flabby, Willi Besmanoff, 205½, Milwaukee-based German, started well but faded in the closing rounds to lose a decision to Bob Cleroux, 208½, Montreal, in a gory semi-final ten. Johnny Jenkins, 180, Harlem, outfought Tommy Hunsaker, 184, Fayettesville, W. Va., in six, and in fours Dennis Kelly, 152½, Astoria, won from Aurelio Rodriguez, 146½, Puerto Rico, and Ricky Ortiz, 143½, another Puerto Rican, scored a knockdown in the first to edge out a rival islander, Lupe Leyro, 144.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

THOUGH HIS DECISION LOSS TO Zora Folley was not in the category of a fistic disaster, Eddie Machen will remember it as an unfortunate evening. The setback prevented him from moving into the No. 2 contender spot occupied by Folley. And on account of guarantees to Folley, Machen not only got no purse, but had to pay out $270 to make up a balance on Folley's guarantee.

Machen, of Portland, Ore., and Folley, of Chandler, Ariz. engaged in a 12 rounder at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. It was a rematch of a draw contest they engaged in more than a year ago.

As there was very little heavy fistic bombing, the action story can be summed in Folley's dependence on a fast left jab which Machen seemed unable to avoid. Machen was never able to follow up after the few times he broke through Folley's guard to land a direct hit.

The voting: Judge Matt Zidich, 117-114; Judge Fred Bottaro, 119-114; Referee Vern Bybee, 118-113. Weights: Folley, 194; Machen, 199.

The net gate of $24,548 was split 60-40 between Machen and the San Francisco Boxing Club. Machen's 60 per cent came to $14,729. In order to obtain the match, Machen contracted to take that 60 per cent and pay Folley $15,000. This accounted for Eddie having to pay out approximately $270.

The paid attendance was 5477 for a gross of $27,959. The previous San Francisco fight between Zora and Eddie drew $95,000 gross paid by 11,759.

Paul Machen, Eddie's brother, started off the unfortunate evening for the family by suffering his first pro defeat in six starts. Paul, 158, of Portland, was dropped twice in the fourth and final round, dropping the decision to Leroy Sales, 163, Oakland.

Floyd Joyner, 194, Folley's stablemate from Phoenix, Ariz., outpointed Joe Sullivan, 188, San Francisco, in a six rounder.

In a pair of fours, Henry Berrera, 145, dec. Moses Cooper, 146, and Henry Nieto, 126, and Charley Robinson, 128, fought to a draw.

Elsewhere in this issue is a complete coverage of the magnificent double championship show staged by Cal and Eileen Eaton and their matchmaker, George Parnassus, the amiable Greek. The show, as the editor of The Ring undoubtedly tells you in his coverage, was one of the finest staged in recent years anywhere. The vast assembly and the record-breaking gate of $383,060, definitely illustrated what can be done without the aid of television provided you have colorful figures headlining the show.

Though little attention was paid to the under-card, since the majority, especially the Mexicans, were more concerned with the outcome of the Becerra-Halimi fight and the Torres-Ortiz affair, there was plenty of action in the other bouts to keep the gathering interested.

Jose Luis Cruz, 125, won the unanimous decision over Ray Dalazar, 126, in a six round semi-final, an action packed contest, and George Green, 145, upset Billy Collins, 145, in the opening four rounder.

▶ The Golden Boy, Art Aragon, his glitter and glamor gone, suffered a 9th round knockout at the hands of a man named Alvaro Gutierrez at the Olympic Auditorium—a man who wasn't qualified to be a sparmate of the Aragon of yore.

Prior to the fight, Aragon, 32, had stated that if he lost this one, he'd hang 'em up for good. Some 8,000 fans set up a mad hullaballoo as Referee Tommy Hart stopped the fight with Aragon on the ropes, and Gutierrez blasting away with both mitts. They were mingled shouts—joy and disappointment.

This writer wrote the first story about Aragon more than 15 years ago, when he made his debut at the Olympic Auditorium. He was then a frail, pale featherweight, but those skinny arms packed a deadly wallop. Over the long years he reigned as box-office king, and I doubt if there will ever be his equal in this respect hereabouts. Aragon was a drawing-card; win or lose, he provided thrills.

Aragon, 150, woundup with a record of 88-18-5. It is doubtful if Gutierrez, 149, will be able to cash in on the victory. Everyone felt that Art was finished; he entered the ring a 2-1 underdog against a man who would have been 10-1 underdog when Art was in his prime.

It was the third time in his long career that Aragon had failed to go the distance. First, in 1948, when Clyde Coyhis stopped him because of cuts; then, in 1958, when he was stopped by Carmen Basilio before a $236,000. gate. And for this TKO, the gate was $17,047.

The audacious, colorful Aragon is certain to be back in the picture, some way. He has film and TV possibilities, that's for sure. He went out fighting, helpless but on his feet; his face a bloody mess but his courage undaunted.

Perhaps the glitter is gone, but Art will always be the Golden Boy to the Eatons, Promoters at the Olympic Auditorium.

In the six-round semi-final, Teddy Randy, 126, dec. Melchior Morales, 128.

The fours: Lyn Boyd, 136, dec. Kiki Barries, 132½; Mauricio Morales, 128, dec. Joe Valdives, 129; and Beto Maldonado, 128, dec. Charley Driver, 126.

▶ Jim McCarter, 223, once a footballer at the University of Washington, rumbled and bumbled his way to a 10-round split decision over Duke Sabedong, 218, of Hawaii, at the Olympic Auditorium.

It was not a thriller, even if viewed through the eyes of a careless observer. The gents hugged and embraced each other with loving fervor, and Referee Tommy Hart spent much of his time in the ring prying them apart.

Referee Tommy Hart called it 95-95; he was outvoted by the other officials. Judge Russ Bradford tabbed it 97-94; Judge Charley Randolph, 98-94, both for McCarter. The customers voted it a flop.

One of the reasons the main event looked bad was the semi-final, booked for six, in which Owney Mingues, 121, scored a 4th round TKO over Pepino Morales, 121. This one was a humdinger, tough to follow.

The fours: Julian Shanks, 161, KO (2) over Lou Dodrill, 159; Tony Herrera, 124½, dec. Charley Driver, 127; and Del Bowen, 145, dec. Chilo Garcia, 148.

▶ It was scheduled for ten, but one of those accidental head butts made it a one-round "technical draw" between Joey Parks, Omaha, 134, and Ernesto Figueroa, 135, at the Olympic Auditorium. It was a tough break for Parks, who held world champ Joe Brown to a draw last September, even had him on the deck. But it wasn't fun for Figueroa, either.

About 2,000 fans were on hand, and all were disappointed.

In the six-round semi, Collier Cox, 132½, dec. Tony (Angel) Lopez, 135.

The fours: Earl Bastings, 142½, def. Aaron Junior, 137; Eddie Hickman, 157, dec. Julian Shanks, 156½; and Beto Maldonado, 127½, dec. Solly Klein, 130½.

▶ Jimmy Hornsby, 136½, pride of the Suey Welch stable and former Air Force champion, had to come from behind to bomb out Aissa Hashas, 134½, French-Algerian stablemate of Alphonse Halimi, and hitherto undefeated. The scene: Olympic Auditorium, L. A.

The end came at the end of Round 8. Just before that round ended, Hornsby nailed the foreign gent with a left hook and dropped him to the canvas. The round ended on the count of seven, and apparently so did M'sieu Hashas, for he refused to come out for round 9.

Because of Hashas' fine record in Europe, he was even-Stephen in the betting, prior to the fight—even though Hornsby had shown to splendid advantage in several recent fights at the venerable downtown arena.

Hashas was brought here to serve as principal sparmate for Alphonse Halimi, former world bantam champ who'll attempt to regain his title from Joe Becerra shortly. (By this time, you know he didn't.)

At all events, Aissa looked impressive enough to be rated an even wager against the talented local boy.

The Algerian started off at a fast pace, and at the end of Round 5 was ahead on all cards. That's when Hornsby came to bat, like the well-known Rogers of that name. By the end of Round 7, it was a fairly even tussle.

Then, in Round 8, came the finish. Hashas, in Europe, had won 16 in a row, 15 by kayo; in his 17th fight, it must be dismally recorded that he suffered a kayo at the hands of Hornsby, Round 8.

In the six-round semi, Melchoir Contreras, 127, won the unanimous decision over Rocky Fontanette, 128½.

The fours: Tony Herrera, 127, KO (1) Jose Valdives, 129; Ernie Cuardas, 127, dec. Joe Rodriguez, 127; Solly Klein, 129, dec. Charley Driver, 130; and Kayo Alan, 187, TKO (1) over Spencer Crump, 214. Crump crumpled.

▶ Sixto Rodriguez, who often does his best fighting after being floored, survived a second round knockdown to go on and defeat Orlando DePietro in a 15 rounder at Richmond. At stake was the California light-heavyweight championship, held by Rodriguez. Weights: Rodriguez, of San Anselmo, 170; DePietro, of Arcadia, 168.

Battle ground was the Richmond Auditorium, with Jimmy Cosenza promoting. Referee Jack Downey, serving as sole judge, scored it 118-108 for Rodriguez. Press consensus was 116-108. Gross receipts were $1699.

Near the close of the second, DePietro countered with a short right that caught Sixto flush on the chin. The sixth ranking world contender took a nine count.

Sixto was never in serious trouble thereafter, and he evened the knockdown score by decking DePietro, also with a right to the chin, for a nine count in the eighth round.

Outside the second, fourth and tenth, Orlando ran second best. Rodriguez in high gear in the 11th, 12th and 13th sessions, seldom missing and getting hit only by occasional counters.

Ray Copeland, 134, Richmond, decisioned Johnny Cate, 130, Oakland, in a six rounder.

Mose Cooper, 148, Stockton, kayoed Ted Banic, 151, S.F. in the second.

Eddie Moore, 136, outpointed William Green, 139, in 4.

▶ It was Bobby Sand's first main event, and he made it a memorable occasion by scoring a 2-round knockout over Johnny Hayden at the Olympic Auditorium. Sand, 177; Hayden, 187.

Sands, with 16 bouts to his credit, has won 14, 11 by kayo. Hayden is a veteran of 62 scraps, claimed he had never before been counted out. Well, he was this time. A right cross did the trick, 2:20, Round 2.

In the semi-final, Spider Walker, 124, caught Edmund Edwards, 128, with a sharp uppercut, and Edmund went to the showers in Round 2.

The fours: Red Walker, 132, drew with Collier Cox, 132; Beto Maldonado, 127½, KO (4) over Billy Ware, 125; and Del Bowen, 145½, dec. Carlos Castro, 147.

▶ Billy Thomas, 3-1 underdog, 126, scored the unanimous 12-round decision over Danny Valdez, 124, and with it acquired the featherweight championship of California, to the utter consternation of those who had made Valdez the odds-on choice.

Thomas, who hails from San Francisco, had lost two fights recently: Auburn Copeland and Pelon Cervantes. But he rose to the occasion against Valdez, getting off to a big lead in the early rounds and maintaining his edge to the finish.

Referee Tommy Hart, 116-112; Judge Russ Bradford, 117-111; Judge Joey Olmos, 117-116—all for Thomas.

It was an excellent fight, and Matchmaker George Parnassus said he'd rematch the lads within a few weeks.

Earl Bastings, 141, won a split decision in six over Larry Mercer, 143, in the semi-final. The fours: Charles Marshall, 125, dec. Charles Driver, 127; Robert Fernandez, 146, dec. Gordon Friend, 152; and Al Grant, 146, KO (4) John Page, 146.

▶ Dommy Ursua, high in the world flyweight rankings, gave away five inches in height to Abe Villa of Los Angeles, but employed bull like rushes to keep Villa off balance. This enabled Dommy to score enough damaging wallops to win on a TKO in the fourth. They had been scheduled for ten rounds at the Memorial Auditorium in Stockton. Weights Ursua, 117¾, Villa 115.

Ursua, from Manila, makes Stockton his headquarters in his U. S. campaigning. He was ahead on points, 30-27, when the bout was stopped, Pete Morelli refereed.

Villa already was bleeding slightly over both eyes when Ursua sent a right smashing to the left eyebrow in the fourth. This cut Villa to the bone. Ring physician Dr. Alexandre Barron examined the wound and recommended cessation of hostilities.

Moses Cooper, 149, Stockton, won an eight round decision over Ray Simon, 150, of Los

Angeles, in eight rounds.

Four rounders: Vince Castro, 123, dec. Charlie Driver, 124; Willie Green, 140, outpointed Tony Arceo, 137.

▶San Jose rated some extra attention by fistic and fiscal observers on a recent Friday night. The main event was a return encounter between heavyweights Willie Richardson and Duke Sabedong, who had indulged in a hectic "no decision" brawl two months before.

And Promoter Abe Acquistapace was putting on a Friday program a few hours after a national TV fight had been witnessed by most San Jose fans.

Richardson won the decision in a fast but much less exciting contest than their previous battle. The box office report showed 1708 fans paying $2341 gross. This compared favorably with the "take" in most Tuesday night programs in San Jose in the past year.

The victory stretched Richardson's win streak to 12. Referee Johnny Lotsey, sole official, scored it 97-94 for the ten rounds. They fought at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Richardson, of San Jose, weighed 183; Sabedong, of Honolulu, scaled 222.

Richardson speeded in and out and avoided close contact with his taller and heavier opponent.

In the semi-windup ten rounder, Andy Isaacs, 186, San Jose, outpointed Billy Fields, 210, San Francisco.

Ray Copeland, 135, Richmond, TKO'd Billy Brown, 142, Oakland, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

▶Biggest disappointment to many California boxing fans was the failure of heavyweight Rueben Vargas to remain on top after he scored a stunning upset over Tony Anthony early last year.

In his first national TV opportunity, Vargas, a 7-1 underdog, knocked down Anthony and outfought Tony all the way in a New York bout to take the decision.

Bickering by co-managers was blamed for blocking the logical big money rematch with Anthony. Instead, Rueben took on Eddie Machen, and made a good showing in losing a decision to Machen in San Francisco.

But in a rematch with Machen in Portland, Rueben was knocked out in the early rounds after taking a severe pounding. This TV appearance was the finale to Rueben's crowd pleasing career. He recently announced his retirement.

▶Tombstone Smith, 150½, former State welterweight champ, scored a TKO over Kid Rayo, Nicaragua, 151¼, in the 7th round of a scheduled tenner at the Olympic Auditorium.

Rayo won the first round, but from then on was on the receiving end of a wide assortment of wallops. Referee Charley Randolph tired of the slaughter and halted hostilities in the 7th, with Rayo still on his feet.

In the semi—slated for six, Irish Billy Collins, Detroit, 144¼, scored three knockdowns over Lloyd Wilson, 143½, and was credited with a one-round TKO. It gave Collins an impressive record of 17-1.

The fours: Joe Hicks, 149, dec. Jack Flores, 148¼; Tony Herrera, 123½, dec. Pepino Morales, 122½; and Earl Bastings, 143, dec. Freddy Young, 143½.

▶Our Southern California boxing writers put their heads together and came up with the following awards at their annual dinner:

Outstanding achievement: George Parnassus.

Fighter of the year: Davey Moore.

Outstanding contribution to S.C. boxing: Lou Winston.

Amateur of the year: Thell Torrance.

Prospect of the year (outstanding first-year main-eventer): Raymundo (Battling) Torres.

Prelim boy of the year: Johnny Smith.

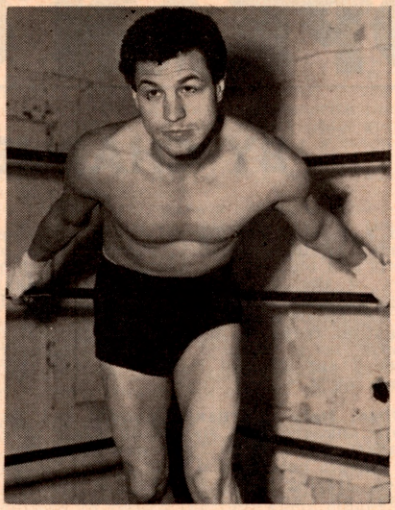
Special award of merit: Johnny Allen, Archie Moore.

Fight of the year Jose Becerra-Alphonse Halimi bantam title fight, won by Becerra via KO in the 8th.

▶Eddie Andrews, 160, Las Vegas, was awarded a 4th round TKO over Cal Houston, 162½, at the Olympic Auditorium. A cut over Houston's right eye caused the curtailment.

In the semi-final, Tommy Fields, 202, dec. Ed Jackson, 190, in six. The fours: Lou Dodrill, 158, KO (2) over Billy Smith, 154; and Beto Maldonado, 129, dec. Charles Driver, 128¼.

▶It was a big night for Woody Winslow of Merced, for he was getting a shot at Joey Giambra, one of the top ten in the world middleweight rankings. Though Giambra won handily, Winslow's energetic performance pleased his admirers who formed a good part of the throng at Memorial Auditorium in Fresno. Weights: Giambra, 159; Winslow, 162.



Art Aragon, California "Golden Boy", The "Bear" State's biggest gate attraction, who started out at a featherweight and ended up in his last fight as a 150 pounder. He has retired from boxing.

Giambra, from Buffalo, has been working out of Los Angeles and San Francisco. He was ninth in contender rankings before the Fresno bout.

Scorecard consensus for Giambra was 99-92. Pete Morelli refereed.

Winslow landed his best shots in the fourth. During the rest of the bout clever Giambra had the upper hand.

Dean Bogany, 183, Fresno, dec. Andy Isaac, 186, San Jose, in six.

Murphy Holmes, 157, San Francisco, outpointed Willie Andradi, 162, Fresno, in six.

Henry Perez, 149, Fresno, KO'd Garry Effan, 154, Stockton, in the first.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

WILLIE PASTRANO, AIMING FOR A LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE SHOT with champ Archie Moore got on the right footing by taking the measure of tough Jerry Luedee in 10 rounds of a nationally televised fight at Miami Beach. Willie is not found in RING'S heavyweight or light-heavy select circle but should the Miami Beachite show up well as he did against the New Haven lad in coming bouts, his chances stack up way high, both in rankings and a crack at Archie Moore. He weighed 177¾, his lowest in four years but the lost poundage proved a blessing.

Luedee suffered a cut over the left eye in the fourth. Willie came up with a dazzling display of clever boxing in the last two heats. Referee Jimmy Peerless had it 98-94; Judge Stu Winston, 98-93, and Judge Eddie Thal, 100-92. The Chris Dundee topper had 2,132 fans for a gate of $5,256.75.

On the Pastrano-Luedee undercard: A terrific semi-tenner involving promising Fort Lauderdale heavyweight Freddie Blades and Luedee's stablemate, Joe Thomas gave the crowd their money's worth alone. The Lauderdale larruper, 181¾, whose only pro loss was to Luedee himself, earned the nod. His foe, 189, managed to last out. Another very promising Florida heavyweight, Tony Alongi, 193, of Hollywood, kept rolling merrily along. This undefeated youngster, a past Ring Best Prospect, added Jim Tillman, 232½, Miami, to his victim list with a fifth round TKO win, Dave Miller, 175, Miami, TKOed Harry Tann, Jr., 169, Hollywood, in 1:05 of the first. Rocky Grace, 187, Fort Lauderdale, TKOed Kelly Davis, 190, Homestead, in two.

A crowd of 1,864 fans was on hand to see Eddie Perkins defeat Larry Boardman in the 10 round main event at Miami Beach. The Chicagoan outpunched and outsped the former Marlboro, Connecticut ranking lightweight. Referee Billy Regan gave it to Eddie, 100-92; Judge Eddie Thal, 98-95 and Judge Stu Winston, 97-94, for a unanimous nod.

Larry, now making St. Petersburg, Florida his home didn't seem to have the pep that carried him with the top-rated. They drew a gate of $3,525.50. Chris Dundee promoted.

Tony Alongi, 193, Hollywood, is making life miserable for his opponents. He scored another stopper and the sixth round TKO loser was Lee Flowers, 178. Sugar Cliff, 144½, took a four from Jimmy Beasley, 147. Bobby Marrie, 131, Youngstown, Ohio and Miami, was held to a four round draw by Bobby Allen, 136½. Willie Giles, 156, likewised with Willie Harris, 162½, also in four. Ditto for Otho Brown and Roosevelt Luggin, welters.

▶Prior to his bout with Jerry Luedee, former ranking heavyweight Willie Pastrano tangled with Charley Pavlis in a tenner at Tampa and though winning unanimously, the decision didn't meet with full approval of the 1,735 on-lookers. Referee Lee Sala, former middleweight contender, saw Willie 97-93 and Judges John Branch and Derrell Brown called it respectively, 100-90 and 100-93. Pastrano, now of Miami Beach, and down to 180, sported left jabs and hooks on the 176 pound ex-Hungarian Freedom-Fighter. The action in the bout was best after the fourth round.

In other bouts, Ray Estepa, 129, TKOed Pablo Carripides, 128, in the fourth round. Estepa dropped Carripides three times at the time and Ref Lee Sala called an end. Claude Williams, Tampa, tipping 160, TKOed Leon Stewart, of Miami, in the eighth. Willie D'Antinac, 168, Augusta, butted Freddie Milton, 173, of Los Angeles, in round three, on the forehead. Referee Joey Raymond put a halt to the affair when Milton showed up with a cut. He had been dropped for an eight count in the second heat. Freddie Cozart, 138, took the opening bout with a four round nod over Gene Wiley, 132, of Tampa. Jimmy Tolisano promoted.

▶Officials at a prison encampment near Miami permitted inmate Rocky Grace to box on the Pastrano-Luedee card and the heavyweight displayed dynamite in stopping Kelly Davis. A previous showing (last year) in Hollywood, Florida saw the awkward but stiff puncher stop an opponent in the first round. Davis is a former Pastrano adversary.

▶"Irish" Jimmy Brady, a respected lightweight ace of the mid-west some years ago is managing Freddie Blades, who is considered one of the best prospects, in the game today. Blades, a good puncher heavyweight, is from Fort Lauderdale.

▶To our overseas friends and RING MAGAZINE readers, Lawrence P. O'Grady, of Mitchelstown, County Cork, Ireland, and W. H. Neighbour, of Merrickville, New South Wales, Australia, respectively: Glad to say that retired heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano has settled in my Florida (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) and you can drop him word in my care. . . . Ray Bronson, an outstanding welterweight a few decades back who met the best, has long been deceased. Will help you regarding Dave Shade.

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO

By Mario Riviera

SIXTO ESCOBAR STADIUM—Undefeated Puerto Rican welterweight Cano Hernandez, 148, was awarded a split but undeserved ten round decision over Ray Villalona, 148½, of Santo Domingo. This was Hernandez' first start in a bout of more than four rounds and after being pummelled and pounded by his Dominican rival for five heats, and being dropped twice, it seemed unlikely that he would be able to last the ten round distance. But Cano seemed to be made of sterner stuff and came on to cop the sixth round by a slight edge and staggered Villalona in the seventh with his best blow of the fight. The bout slowed down in the eighth and ninth, but Cano took command again in the last heat and was pounding away at Hernandez when the final bell rang.

Referee John Martin and Judge Lopez de Victoria scored the fight for Hernandez while Judge Robert Roberts had Villalona ahead by a clear margin.

Daniel Berrios, 131, scored easily over Valentin Viruet, 128½, in six rounds. In four round bouts:—Abimael Garcia, 147, drew with Antonio Gonzalez, 146¼; Chino Hernandez, 157, outpointed Emilio Herandez, 157; Jesus Serrano, 130, scored a TKO over Pedro Ayala, 128½, in 2:17 of the second for the only knockout of the night. 1,433 fans paid $1546.79 to see this card.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

AFTER A FLURRY OF FISTIC PROGRAMS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THINGS QUIETED DOWN OR JANUARY. In France there was quite a wholesale retirement of boxers. Andre Drille, Vairolatto, Seraphin Ferrer, Cherif Hamia and Andre Valignat all announced their decision to hang up the gloves and seek employment elsewhere.

The one-time Angel of the Ring, Jean Sneyers, also has had second thoughts about his comeback campaign. Best performances were achieved by the German feather, Willi Quattuor, who beat Wally Taylor and Aldo Pravisani in Australia. Here are the results:

▶ **Hamburg, Germany**—Although past his prime, Germinal Ballarin showed up very well against Erich Schoeppner in a non-title fray here which attracted over 7,000 spectators. Schoeppner was way below his usual class and boxed like a beginner at times while Ballarin forced the pace with frequent bouts of in-fighting. Towards the end of the fight, Schoeppner had all the answers and belted the Frenchman at will but too late to prevent Ballarin achieving a notable draw.

Manfred Hass, 157, met up with Louis Lucchetti, a French middleweight who knocked him cold a year or so ago and Hass copped the decision by a fair margin.

Helmut Ball, 172, floored Lou Perry of America but couldn't keep him there and won on points over eight rounds while Klaus Langhammer, 165, defeated Michel Serenus of Guadaloupe over six. Rudolf Nehring, 166, whipped the West African, Moussa Sangaree, in the curtain-raiser.

▶ **Rome**—Rocco Mazzola suffered an unexpected setback at the Palozetto when he tangled with Paul Roux, the recently crowned French cruiser king. Roux is more or less un-tested on the international front and this was his first bout out of France. He proved to be a strong, rather unimaginative fighter but too strong for Mazzola and Roux got the nod.

The final of the welter competition was won by Giacomo Nervi, who outscored Georges Scheppler in a rousing ten-rounder while Jean Pommier was given a very unpopular decision over Furio in a welter eight.

▶ **Pesaro, Italy**—Geppino Gentiletti, a likely middles prospect, won clearly over Ballarini in eight rounds and at Treviso, Mario Caselato outscored the dusky Ethiopian, Gheri Frezghi, in a welter eight.

▶ **Cremona**—Rino Borra knocked the game Spaniard, Ruiz Amatria, off his feet three times during their hectic welter encounter but was slowed down by a severe cut over his left eye during the fourth round. Borra, undefeated save for a knockout by Michel Francois, went on to gain a clear points win.

In a lightie ten, Ravasi upset a former champ, Annibale Omodei, whipping him on points and blond Gino Cadenazzi made short work of the Austrian novice, Fritz Mayr, dropping his lanky foe with a one-two in the second round.

Fanfoni trounced Mohamed Boukouaci of Algeria in a feathers ten and Pallavera knocked out Ernesto Ballabio in the third stanza of a welter dispute.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—Giordano Campari and Ray Nobile engaged in a slam-bang affair which Campari appeared to have won by quite a fair margin but the nod went to the Bologna belter. During the second half of the scrap it was all Campari and the verdict, which makes Nobile the new champion, was hotly disputed by spectators.

Giancarlo Garbelli scraped home a close winner over the French middle, Claude Negrel, and Fortunato Manca suffered the first defeat of his career when ruled out in the seventh round for striking Jean Hoeffler below the belt. Manca was way ahead of the mediocre Belgian at the time.

Germano Cavalier surprisingly lost out to Castoldi in a lightie six and Mario Bandoria whipped Salvatore Boi in a middles six.

▶ **Madrid, Spain**—Kid Daniel returned from a moderately successful Italian sojourn to do battle with Diego Infantes, who is quite a prospect. Diego was less charitable than the Italians and forced the Kid to retire in round four. Feathers comer Antonio Ramos whipped Ricardo Navarro in a fast eight.

▶ **Paris**—Aissa Hashas, fought recently in Los Angeles and lost, made short work of Frank Garcia, a better than average Spanish lightie, at the Salle Wagram. After an even first round Hashas got the upper hand and belted the Spaniard unmercifully. Hostilities were halted in the third round after Garcia had paid three trips to the canvas.

▶ At **Bordeaux**—Marcel Pigou chilled Jacques Belon in the opening round of their semi-final eliminator for the middles title. Despite his recent run of wins the French Federation later announced Jean Ruellet as challenger to champion Diouf.

▶ **Berlin**—Promotor Knoerzer made a bad mistake when he invited Johnny Halafihi of Tonga to swab punches with his middleweight, Rolf Peters, a promising youngster, currently touted as logical successor to Gus Scholz. The disadvantages in weight and experience were too much for Peters, who walked slap-bang into a wild left hook in the first round. A further hail of punches obliged the ref to count "eight", as the blond Teuton was "out" on his feet. The gong saved him from further destruction but in the succeeding rounds Halafihi landed almost at will as long as Peters chose to slug it out instead of boxing his man. No knockdowns were scored but Peters' face was so badly damaged that he was forced to retire at the end of the sixth round.

Fred Galiana, 138, made a great impression against Rudi Langer, whom he outboxed in an excellent eight-rounder while Karl Mildenberger, 178, did well to outscore the American, Jimmy Slade, in another eight. Slade recently defeated the promising Italian heavy, Vittorio Stagni, on the Cavicchi-Lave program reported last month. Alex Buxton, 167, obtained a draw against Guenter Hase and Peter Gumpert, 172, stopped Manfred Striemer in two.

▶ **Alicante, Spain**—Antonio Diaz has clung to his bantam title for some time now despite frequent defeats in non-title frays. His luck ran out here when the local youngster, Javier Torres, whipped him over twelve rounds to nab the national laurels.

Jose Hernandez, still undefeated in his comeback, made a great job of beating Bobby Ros in a lightweight ten.

▶ At **Las Palmas**— Lelo Suarez beat Luis Magro in a welter ten.

▶ **Iseghem, Belgium**—The stiff punching of Charles Luce, middleweight from Martinique, was too much for Bob Stevens, who retired at the beginning of the fourth round after taking two trips to the deck. Al Bernard has apparently reached the end of the road, being beaten by fourth-rate Louis De Bolster in a heavies maul.

▶ **Tunis**—Guizani Rezgui came through with a quickie at the expense of Fioravante Merlo, stopping the Italian lightie in two rounds while Sauveur Benamou trimmed Renato Giacche in a lightweight ten.

▶ **Stuttgart, Germany**—It was freely conceded in most circles that Max Resch had no right to tackle Andre Drille at this stage of his comeback but the curly-headed Swabian stuck to his guns and demanded the bout. In any event, Resch proved correct. It was a battle of southpaws, with Drille getting slightly the better of exchanges in the early rounds but Resch appeared to be carrying the harder punch. He slammed it out in earnest during the fourth and in the next round copped the Basque with a vicious left that slammed him to the floor for "9".

Once he had his man going, Resch never let up and pounded the French fighter twice more to the ground before Drille's corner finally slung in the towel. It was announced sime time later that Drille had retired from boxing but it is our opinion that the tough Basque will be in action next season.

The Toledo Blade, Fred Galiana, clashed for the fourth time with the veteran Berliner, Rudi Langer, 135. All the previous meetings went the distance but on this occasion the Spaniard saw fit to wind up the proceedings in decisive fashion. He dropped Langer four times before Rudi's corner wisely slung in the towel during the fifth frame.

Elegant Alfredo Wogrig from the Italian Alps outboxed the equally smart Horst Niche in a cruiser eight and Manfred Hass, 162, decisioned the Algerian veteran, Ali Amrane, over eight rounds.

Helmut Mistol, 149, did his utmost to knock out another veteran, southpaw Andre Mauguin. Although he floored the Frenchman thrice in the opening rounds and thrice more in the following sessions, the obstinate Mauguin finished on his feet.

Gerhard Zech, 211, outslugged that durable trial horse Robert Warmbrunn in a four-rounder and Georg Lautenbacher, 161, could only obtain a draw with Manfred Harnack. The promotion was a financial as well as a sporting success, 8,500 fans paying over 70,000 D-marks.

▶ **Paris**—Dutch fighters have seldom had much luck in the French capitol, generally being overmatched. Tommy Baars busted the unbeaten record of Ahmed Sebane, stopping the Algerian welter in round four at the Salle Wagram.

A nasty shock also awaited Andre Vairolatto, making his debut into the lightweight ranks. He clashed with Fernand Morin, a hard hitter who has had a recent run of defeats. Vairolatto kicked off in fine style

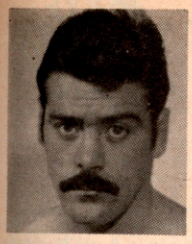
CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1960)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Inge. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Sante Amonti (I)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Mino Bozzano (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Stefan Redl (G)
5. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Rolf Peters (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
7. Albert Westphal (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Michel Lombardet (F)
8. Uli Nitzschke (G)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Leen Jansen (H)	Maurice Auzel (F)
9. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Paul Roux (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Diego Infantes (S)
10. Uli Ritter (G)	Harry Ball (G)	Marcel Pigou (F)	Luis Folledo (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Young Martin (S)
3. Lahouri Godih (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
4. Guy Gracia (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5. Sauveur Benamou (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Rene Libeer (F)
6. Fernand Nollet (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Elysee Castre (F)	Bobby Diop (F)
7. Aissa Hashas (F)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Sugar Ray (H)	Jean Guerard (F)
8. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Mario Sitri (I)	Andre Gasperini (F)
9. Conny Rudhof (G)	Rene Barriere (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Pierre Rossi (F)
10. Victor Pepeder (F)	Ray Nobile (I)	Kimbo Calderin (S)	Giacomo Spano (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.



Germinal Ballarin, veteran Frenchman, pulled a surprise when he held Erich Schoeppner, then rated two among the world light heavyweights, to a ten-round draw.

but stopped a left hook in the second that dropped him for "nine" and in the third he took two more counts, the last one for keeps. As a result of this kayo, which left him unconscious for some time, Vairolatto decided to hang up the gloves.

▶**Milan, Italy**—Robert Tartari, tough little gamecock from the boulevards, fought in his usual tenacious style against Piero Rollo in their bantam clash at the Principe Theater but courage wasn't enough. Rollo opened a cut on the Franco-Italian's forehead early on and lacerated his rival's nose during the fourth round, which led to Tartari retiring at the call for round five.

Fortunato Manca decked Leo Maloney three times in their welter dispute before the ref halted the one-sided fray in round four. Gastone Casarico beat Possessi in a close feathers eight.

▶At **Pavia**—Annibale Omodei made a successful debut in the welter ranks, beating Zambon over six rounds while Castoldi checked Lionetti in the fifth heat of a welter slam.

▶**Barcelona, Spain**—The national bantam title which Javier Torres won only the previous month changed hands once again when the ref decreed local fighter, Francisco Carreno, winner over the new champ. Torres had dominated most of the bout and the decision was roundly booed by the 4,000 spectators.

Juan Cardenas returned to action with a victory over Santos Seoane in a bantam ten and Moktar Angheri upset welter champion Jose Ungidos, trouncing the Basque to a fare-thee-well in ten rounds.

▶**Brussels, Belgium.**—Pierre Cossemyns, who hsa been campaigning these last nine years with varying fortunes, achieved a good win over the French bantam champion, Mohamed Zarzi, in their clash at the Sports Palace. Cossemyns did great work with his left hook and finally forced the ref to halt proceedings during the seventh round.

Carl van Neste felled Ben Buker II of Spain during the sixth and went on to win their middles clash via the points route while Jean Renard laced Raphael Diaz in a feathers eight. Bob Roger nodded Jack Lesseine in another feathers eight.

▶**Paris.**—Marcel Pigou lost no time in disposing of Louis Trochon when the mulatto butted his right eye shut in the opening round. He cut loose with a tremendous blow to Trochon's jaw and the latter was out well after the count had ended.

Promising Jean Houbloup was also on this card at the Mutualite, stopping Mebarek Limane in five. At the Central, Louis Poncy made a return to action as a lightweight, trimming Roger Guilhot over eight rounds.

▶**Besancon, France.**—Michel Lombardet had a close run against Maurice Auzel when they clashed here with the former's national welter title at stake. Most experts reckoned with a draw but Lombardet got the nod after 15 rounds.

▶**At Bruay-en-Artois.**—Sauveur Chiocca, of Corsica, was able to take it as easy as he liked against Rene Burnet and still win their welter ten by a comfortable margin.

▶**At Lyons.**—German gladiators took a drubbing from local stars, Herbert Sowa being belted out by powerful Michel Vinot in the second session of a middles clash and Horst Herold being stopped by Paul Schiller in the second round of a heavies slam.

▶**Agen, France.**—Edouard Ptak, the Franco-Pole, put up a grand scrap against Victor Pepeder but lost very narrowly on points to the tearaway Basque.

▶**Geneva, Switzerland.**—The successor of the late Camille Griot, Raoul Farinelli, promoted his first show here with popular French-Italian pairings. In two welter clashes, Rino Borra made a splash by knocking out Henri Cabelduc in the second round with a smashing hook to the jaw while Renato Ravasi stopped Brahim Kettani in three. In a lightweight six, Thevoz of Switzerland beat Giuseppe Strepponi.

▶**Cologne, Germany.**—The tough Tongan, Johnny Halafihi, returned to the Fatherland to do battle with yet another German middleweight, this time Peter Mueller, who at 162 was five pounds the lighter man. Stocky and aggressive, Black Peter put up a far better fight than had Rolf Peters a few weeks before. He swapped punches with the strong Tongan and in the early rounds got the worst of the exchanges, taking a count of "eight" in the third. Thenceforth Mueller slammed away at Halafihi with both hands and won a close victory.

Fred Galiana, 137, gave a splendid exhibition of matador-style boxing against the wildly swinging Moroccan, Si Mohammed, and had him so utterly at his mercy that the bout was stopped in the fourth.

The Belgian, Carl van Neste, 160, had an eyebrow butted open by Horst Borzoskowski which brought about the latter's disqualification in round two while Jimmy Slade stopped Erwin Hack, 184, in six. In a feathers title eliminator, Joe Buck, 124, outslugged Hans Gronen over eight rounds.

▶**Berlin.**—A masterpiece of anti-climax occurred at the Sports Palace when the ring-ropes snapped just before the program started. It was impossible to obtain replacements at that hour and Promotor Gretzschel was obliged to return the fans their money. The program eventually took place on the following night but still attracted 7,000 spectators. Although none of the regular top-liners were on the bill a balance was struck by the performances of up-and-coming youngsters.

Headliner was the lightweight title slam between Conny Rudhoff, champion, and his eternal rival, Harry Kurschat of Berlin. For twelve rounds Rudhoff kept a cool head and let Kurschat wear himself out in relentless attacks, answering the Berliner's tigerish attacks with brilliant counter-punching and excellent footwork. He had Kurschat in trouble during the tenth but slipped to the canvas at the decisive moment; Rudhoff won by a clear points margin.

Uli Nitzschke avenged a defeat from his amateur days when he knocked out the towering Finn, Ilkka Koski, 205, in two rounds. Koski took two counts in the first round but still concentrated on getting his Sunday punch over. Two rights and a left to the head kayoed the Finnish giant.

Pekka Kokkonen, 172, was unlucky not to obtain a draw after his tremendous battle with Dieter Wemhoener. It was their third meeting, with the score one-all, and this time the German still made the mistake of meeting Pekka with his own brand of slugging. Wemhoener's victory after eight rounds met with a mixed reception.

Former amateur champion of Europe, Manfred Graus, iced Renato Ravasi of Italy, 147, in round two and Manfred Neuke, 137, drew with Angelo Lai of Sardinia.

▶**Wuppertal, Germany.**—Local star Emil Koch headlined here against veteran Dante Madella of Italy on a program arranged by Herr Reinartz which attracted some 1600 fans. Koch, 150, had his work cut out against the Italian, who was eight pounds heavier and a powerful, rugged foe to boot. The decision in Koch's favor after eight very close rounds met with little approval.

Karl Wagner and Ernesto Ballabio, Italy, engaged in a robust welter eight which resulted in a draw and Oswald Haast, 150, was chilled in the third round by Herbert Schilling, former amateur star.

▶**Paris, France.**—Still suffering from the double effects of a chill and a honeymoon, Rene Libeer displayed few virtues worthy of a champion against the Spanish flyweight, Jose Ogazon. The visitor was on top in the early rounds at the Salle Wagram, but Libeer cut his man down to size and finally dropped him for "nine" in the ninth round. The ref halted what had become a very one-sided affair.

Max Brianto was halted with cut eyes in the fifth round of a heavyweight slam with Robert Duquesne and Jean Jouadin nodded Kichane in a feathers eight.

▶**At Crepy-on-Valois.**—Wladis Kopec, the handsome Franco-Polish cruiser, scored his fifteenth successive win by stopping Fabio Tavolazzi, an Italian, in two rounds.

▶**Abidjan, French West Africa.**—As erratic as ever, Jules Touan was unable to keep that winning streak going. After losing to Love Allotey in Ghana, the dusky Jules was forced to retire in the second of his bout with Joe Tettel.

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BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

AT THE PANAMA NATIONAL GYMNASIUM, the Torres brothers promoted a card of twenty-six rounds, in the main event of which Melvin Bourne, 126½, featherweight champion of Panama, defeated Sergio (Chato) Gomez, of Mexico, by a split decision. Gomez weighed 127¼. The contest was a slam-bang affair. This was Gomez' third showing at the club. Previously he fought two draws, one with Jesus Santamaria and the other with Eloy Henry.

In the eight round semi-final, Stanley Wilson, 131, defeated Enrique Perez, 131, in a bout that was marred by clinching and hugging for five rounds. The contest went the limit.

Ezekiel Aroyo, 125½, lost to Eduardo Fruto, 128, in four rounds.

Roberto Del Cid, 123, knocked out Salvador Molina, 122, in the third round. Cid was down in the first round and dropped his opponent four times in the third round when the referee intervened.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA

By William Albert

AT CARACAS: In a card promoted by "Deportistas Unidos" Company, Dommy Ursua, 115, of Philippines kayoed Ramon Calatayud, 112, in the 10th. This was an exciting bout and Ursua demonstrated superiority downing the Venezuelan two times. Calatayud also scored a knockdown in the 5th. Our flyweight suffered two cuts on the face.

Carlos "Morocho" Hernandez, 133, continued undefeated as a pro, winning by a KO over Mexican Baby Vasquez, 135, in three rounds.

Mario Rossito, 142¼, of Colombia, defeated Ruben Valladares, 150½, in ten rounds. Cesar "Chivo Negro" Orta and Francisco Barraez fought seven rounds "no contest". (Lightweights). — Promising bantamweight Luis Moreno outpointed Ramon Machado in six. Pablo Gonzalez, 113, halted Tito Blanco, 112, in 1. Gate: $24,120.

▶**Plaza de Toros (Maracay)** Emilio Marron, 150, defeated Marcos "Huracan" Pirela in eight rounds. Dionisio Salazar won over Luis Aray Bello in six. (Lightweights). Armando Tito Blanco, 112, outpointed Martin Rivas in four rounds. Tomas Sanoja, 127, kayoed Isidro Nieves in two. Giaccomo Guarico lost with J. J. Ruiz in six. Luis Moreno, 125, halted Jose Ramon Arias, 127, in 4.

▶**Caracas:** Minund Ben Ali, 113, scored a split ten rounds decision over Ramon Arias, 112¼. Ali, ranked No. 5 in Ring Magazine this month won five rounds and two draws, using an effective jab and right cross. A record crowd that paid $46,900 to see the sensational bout in the Nuevo Circo. Our champion suffered a cut nose.

Other star bout this night, Sergio Caprari, 128, of Italy, won a unpopular ten rounds decision over Epifanio "Tony" Padron, Venezuelan champ, 128¼. Caprari used a fast left hook, and jab. Padron fought in good form, but used rough tactics.

Nelson Estrada, 115, was declared winner by TKO over Cuban Kike Casanovas, 116, in the 8th. The Cuban suffered a cut eye in the fifth.

Cruz Arvelo, 125¾, defeated Eduardo "Mono de Agua" Rodriguez, 127, in eight rounds. Marcos "Huracan" Pirela kayoed Enrique Tovar in 3. (Middleweights) Julio Viana outpointed Rafael Padrino in 8. (Bantamweights). J Perez halted Juan Algarin in two rounds. (Flyweights).

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Ronny Martin

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27th, WAS AN EXCITING evening of boxing in the Chicago Stadium. Henry Hanks, sensational Detroit middleweight, stopped a courageous and willing Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis in 2.45 of the sixth round of a scheduled ten round match. Hank, a two-fisted puncher, dropped Bowdry twice in the third round and once again in the sixth round before referee Frank Sikora stopped the fight without bothering to count Bowdry out.

Jesse Smith, 158, from Philadelphia, stopped Ernie Burford, 158, of Chicago in 145 of the second round. Smith, a hard hitting boxer puncher, has been extremely impressive in his last five outings and is due for a main go on T.V.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BELFAST . . . George O'Neill, Belfast, 123¼, can consider himself a lucky winner over Peter Lavery, Belfast, 119 . . . O'Neill was declared the points victor after eight interesting rounds, but it was in the second round that the incident which I label him lucky took place . . . Lavery caught O'Neill with a right towards the end of the round in which the latter was forced to take a count. Although he was ready to resume, he took a nine count, but the official timekeeper continued to "ten". The referee, using his perogative allowed O'Neill to continue and eke out a points win.

Paddy Kelly, Derry, 127¾, got off the floor to stop Billy Skelly, Belfast, 130, at the end of the third. . . . Skelly received a badly cut eye.

Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 142½, was another victim of scourge of "cut eyes", for the referee intervened during the fourth when Brown's eye was badly cut, and Bob Cofie, Nigeria, 143, was declared the winner. Terry McManus, Belfast, 135, clearly outpointed Andy Doherty, Derry, 128¼, in eight. Tony McCann, Belfast, 144, outpointed Pat Price, Newry, 151½, in eight.

▶ This Column likes to mention any youngster who shows promise. In the Flyweight class, Errol Flynn of Newport—Billy Walker of Kings Cross. Bantamweights, Roy Beaman of Brixton, is outstanding to reach the top. Also two Welsh lads in Johnny Thomas and Howard Winstone of Cardiff. The latter will box in the future as a featherweight. Another is Terry Crimmins of Cardiff.

Featherweights, George Judge of Glasgow, Alan Palmer of London and Phil Jones and Harry Carroll of Wales.

Lightweights — Bobby Kane, Glasgow, Maurice Cullen, Durham, and Tommy Kansas of Bristol.

Welterweights, Brian Curvis of Swansea, is the most likely to win THE BRITISH WELTERWEIGHT TITLE in 1960. Other promising lads are Jimmy McGrail of Liverpool, Johnny Kramer, West Ham and Tony Smith Bootle.

▶ **SHOREDITCH** — Sexton Mabena, South Africa, 128, was too fast a puncher for John Smillie, Edinburgh, 126½. Although the latter put up a stout resistence, he was far behind when referee Pat Floyd stopped the contest at the end of the fifth. Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 114¼, narrowly outpointed George McDade, Glasgow, 115, in an interesting eight.

Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 145¼, defeated Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, 144½, in the fourth. Referee Floyd intervened to save Phillips from further punishment. . . Kofi Manu, Nigeria, 123½, was too strong and forceful for Dave Caulfield, Huddersfield, 121¾, and won on points in six. Freddie Clapton, Finsbury Park, 176, and Dave Kilburn, Birmingham, 171½, provided a gruelling and exciting six with Clapton gaining a hard earned decision. Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 147½, stopped Billy Underwood, Hayes, 147½, in the fifth.

▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON**—George Eldridge, Market Harborough, 161¾, was a clear winner on points over Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 157¾, in eight . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 127, was puzzled by the southpaw stance of Noel Hazard, Australia, 126½, in the early rounds, but in the latter part of the bout he connected with long right to The Australians jaw that put him down for the full count with only a few seconds of the final bell in the eighth.

Errol Flynn, Wales, 116¼, forced Wally Bell, Brentford, 118, on the defense from the first gong, and in the fourth put Bell down for the full count. Terry Tulley, Brighton, 137, outpointed Brian New, Widnes, 138½, in six. Jimmy Braddock, Birkenhead, 129¾, outpointed Mick Marsh, Bath, 128¼, in six.

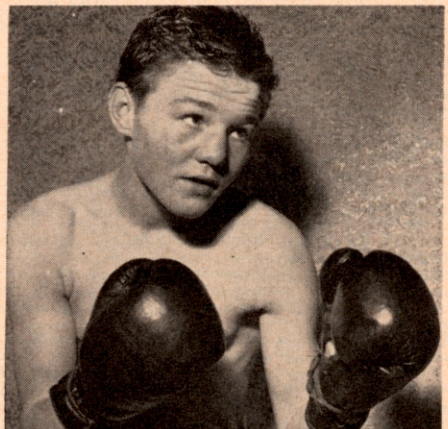
▶ **MANCHESTER** — Promoter Gus Demmy was well pleased with himself at the public response of his T.V. show in which he showed two of Great Britain's promising welterweights in his double header . . . Brian Curvis, Swansea, 143½, gave another of his impressive displays of "The Noble Art Of Self Defense", by scoring a good win over Paddy Graham, Belfast, 147, when the latters manager called the referee over to his corner at the end of the fifth and asked that his man be retired.

In the fifth round Graham went out to try and rush Curvis from his path, but the brilliant movements of the latter had Graham all at sea. His corner then called a halt at the end of the round.

Of all the promising youngsters around today I am confident that in young Brian we have a future welterweight champion "With Class". He is being managed by his brother Cliff, who incidently was British Welterweight Champion, and also a southpaw.

Tony Smith, Bootle, 147½, the other bright prospect, was extended by Derek Liversidge, Retford, 147½, but kept his lead to the end of the eighth to gain a points victory. Ken Hignett, Bootle, 137, had his opponent Phil McGrath, Halifax, 133½, on the canvas for three counts in the first round, but what seemed to be an early win for Hignett turned out to be a points defeat, for McGrath from the second round on boxed carefully to gain a points win in eight.

Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 128, a youngster with a bright future, boxed well to outpoint Nye Ankarah, Ghana, in six. Bernard Sullivan, Salford, 183, knocked out Brian Keen, Manchester, 183, in the third. Ken Calderwood, Salford, 120, outpointed Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 120¼, in four. Tony Barry, Birkenhead, 146, outpointed Brian Hunt, Nottingham, 148, in four.



Terry Spinks, who has continued to climb since joining the featherweights, and by his win over Johnny Kidd has gained the post of challenger for Bobby Neil's British Title. A flashy boxer, Terry has made a fine comeback over the last year.

▶ **PADDINGTON**—Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 137, and "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134¼, fought a counter punching eight with Hinson having a slight lead by his heavier hitting to receive the decision. McCormack was on the deck for two short counts in the final round.

Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 159¾, was awarded the verdict in the fifth, when his opponent Ronnie Yale, Leamington Spa, 161¾, was disqualified for using his "THUMB" in a clinch. Referee Fred Hall was in another disqualification contest, when he sent Cliff Purnell, Bath, 195½, to his corner during the second round of his bout with Pat Stapleton, Dublin, 192¼, for refusing to fight.

Danny O'Sullivan, Ireland, 178, and Johnny Reynolds, Gravesend, 170¾, put up a gruelling and hard hitting six to a popular draw. Laurie Homer, Croyden, 161¾, stopped the raw but willing Irishman, Packy McMahon, 162¼, in the fourth, referee Billy White intervened to save the game Irish lad from further punishment. . . . Mick Hill, Wandsworth, 148¼, outpointed Ken Danahar, Croydon, 140¼, in six.

▶ **DERBY**—Ola Michael, Nigeria, 141¾, was too smart for a subdued Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 145¼, in ten. St. Louis tried his hurricane methods to corner the fast moving Michael, but there was no ZIP in his movements, and he seemed to be stale, for Michael easily escaped the aggressive attacks that was short of the usual fast punching that St. Louis is known for in previous contests. In the last two rounds, Michael had things all his own way to receive a points victory.

Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 156¾, outpointed Alan Dean, Liverpool, 161½, in a hard fought eight. Colin Moore, Derby, 151¼, stopped George Davies, London, 148½, in the fifth. Brian Jones, Nottingham, 138½, outpointed Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 127½, in eight. Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, 119½, outpointed Coffie Manu, Ghana, 122¾, in six. Richard North, Retford, 157½, and Randy Canute, Nottingham, 154, drew in six.

▶ **CHELTENHAM**—Don Sainsbury, Penarth, 178¼, was too good for Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 174¼, and it was no surprise when referee Bill Williams stopped the bout in the fifth to save Ludlam from further punishment . . . Neville Axford, Bermondsey, 147, gained a clear points win over Gerry Kitchen, Cardiff, 144½, in a hard fought six.

Micky Redmond, Bristol, 126, outpointed Al McCarthy, Romford, 125, in six . . . Sunny Osemigie, Nigeria, 154, knocked out Terry Coombes, Peckham, 156¼, in the third. Jimmy Attoy, Ghana, 177, defeated Moshood Balogun, Nigeria, 169¼, in the fifth, referee Sid Nathan disqualified Balogun for going down without a blow after rising from a count. It was afterwards ascertained that the defeated boxer was suffering from a dislocated shoulder. Billy Tarrant, Bermondsey, 141½, outpointed Stan Bishop, Kidderminister, 141¼, in six.

▶ **CARDIFF**—Ray Ashie, Ghana, 137¼, was credited with a Knock Out victory over "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 136, when referee Murphy called "OUT" when the Irish lad was in the act of rising. The bout ended in 2:10 of the opening round, in which McCormack was the recipient of a hard right to the jaw. On rising the latter was all at sea, and another right saw him crumple to the canvas, and according to the referee he failed to beat the count.

Howard Winstone, Merthyr, 123½, was in great form against George O'Neill, Belfast, 122, and after the latter received a badly cut cheek, he retired. Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 128¼, clearly outpointed Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 132, in a lively eight.

Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 126½, scored another inside the distance win when he forced Tommy Williams, Cardiff, 135, to retire at the end of the fifth after the latter received a badly cut eye.

"Southpaw" Carroll, puzzled Williams with his right hand stance, and improves with every contest. Sammy Brown, Cardiff, 128½, stopped Trevor Jenkins, Newport, 129, in the third when the latter retired at the end of the round after taking a count of "five" with the bell coming to his assistance.

▶ **READING**—Fred Collins, Walthamstow, 150, and Joe Ceroni, Italy, 149, fought a gruelling six to a draw. Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 141, narrowly outpointed Pat Aaron, Nigeria, 139, in a hard fought six. Alex Barrow, Nigeria, 194, knocked out Stan Davis, Walsall, 192, in the third. Barrow, who shows promise has now scored four knock outs in six bouts since coming to Britain.

Billy Underwood, Hainault, 153½, outpointed Vernon Pellal, Trinidad, 150, in six. Brian Perry, Battersea, 143, outpointed Johnny Monna, Jamaica, 147, in six. . . . Roy Williams, Winchester, 137, knocked out Stan Silver, Oxford, 137, in the fifth.

▶ **NEWCASTLE**—Less said about the Joey Armstrong-Kitione Lave, "MAUL", would be better for all, since on this meeting, both gave a great exhibition of "All In Wrestling" to the discontentment of the tightly packed St. James Hall, and amid a slow handclap. Also the end of patience that referee Tommy Watson endured, both were sent back to their corners and "NO DECISION WAS DECLARED". Lave weighed 202½, and Armstrong, 187½.

George Cottle, Bermondsey, 146¼, was too good for Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 150¼, and was a clear winner on points in eight. Teddy Haynes, Birmingham, 160½, stopped Simba Rose, Nigeria, 163, in the third. Ted Lynn, Sunderland, 149½, knocked out Kit Croft, Hetton-le-Hole, 143, in the second. Maurice Cullan, Shotton, 135½, and Ricky Keirnan, Glasgow, 136¼, boxed a draw in six.

▶ **STREATHAM**—Promoter Stan Baker had more troubles for one show than many have in a season of staging boxing promotions. When his top-liner Johnny Caldwell and

Young Martin fell flat owing to the indisposition of The Young Irishman, Stan Baker came out tops with a return bout between Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 159¾, and Michel Diouf, France, 161½, who provided the fans with a splendid bout. Edwards, the boxer, did not produce the "PUNCH", but gave an impressive performance of The Noble Art. The bout was very interesting. Edwards won eight of the ten rounds fought. The Welshman gained a popular points decision.

Peter Heath, Coventry, 135, and Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, provided a spectacular eight that had the crowd on their toes throughout, with Heath gaining a narrow points decision.

Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 114¾, gave a polished display to outpoint Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 116¼, in eight.

Ron Beaman, Brixton, 120¾, is destined to reach the top during 1960 if his performance is any criterion, in the way he knocked out Moses Edeki, Nigeria, 127, in 1:14 of the second round. The winner gave away six pounds in weight. After referee Bill Williams had called them to break, they both stepped back and with a streak of lightning, a right from Beaman struck Edeki on the jaw from which he crumpled to the canvas to be counted out. Yes:—young Beaman is sure to go to the top this season.

Tanos Lambrianided, Greece, 146½, gained a narrow points win over Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 147, in a hard hitting and gruelling eight. Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 146¾, was good value for a points win over Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 143¾, in six.

▶**LEYTON**—Terry Spinks, Canning Town, 128, hardly got a sweat up in outpointing Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 126, in eight. This was a warming up contest for his Featherweight Eliminating Bout with Johnny Kidd of Aberdeen, which was only eight days away, and it was a relief to all when the last bell sounded, for it was too one sided. Terry Gill, Custom House, 149¾, was an impressive points winner over Al Sharpe, Belfast, 148½, in eight.

Tony Mancini, Hammersmith, 145¾, outclassed Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 147½, and it was a relief when referee Benny Caplan stopped the bout in the fourth to save Robbins from further punishment. Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 119½, clearly outpointed Jackie Marks, Fulham, 120¼, in an all-action six.

▶**KINGSTON**—George Carroll, Covent Garden, 128½, gained a narrow points win over Terry Rees, Wales and Catford, 128¾, in a speedy and interesting eight. Freddie Clapton, Islington, 176½, was declared the winner over Dennis Harmon, Millwall, 168¾, in a hard fought six. As this was the first professional appearance of Harmon, who was a late substitute, there seems quite a bright future for him. He will bear watching.

Jack Dillon, Isle-Of-Man, 121, knocked out Benny Lee, Hainault, 119, in the fifth. Johnny Arrow, Richmond, 146, knocked out Les Platt, Barnsley, 145, in the first.

Laurie Homer, Croydon, 163, stopped Vince Brown, Cardiff, 154, in the second. . . . Mick Hill, Wandsworth, 149½, outpointed Billy Rees, Wales, 149½, in six.

▶**BRISTOL**—Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 126, was too shifty for the aggressive Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 126, in a hard fought eight. Tommy Kansas, Bristol, 132, and Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 138, fought a terrific eight to a draw.

Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 164, outpointed Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 161½, in six. Ronnie Riley, Preston, 166, stopped Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 160, in the third.

Tony Icke, Wolverhampton, 140, outpointed Stan Bishop, Kidderminster, 140, in six. Ronnie Calvert, Sheffield, 126, stopped Vic Long, Hayes, 125½, in the third.

▶**COVENTRY** — Razza Bailey, Coventry, 177¼, was taken the distance by Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 177¼, in a terrific battle to receive a draw by referee Chris Maggs. In his four previous contests, Bailey had scored 100% knockouts, but found the tough Sheffielder a battler of the same calibre as himself and a draw was a good decision.

Paddy Delargy, Dublin, 160¼, came back after a long lay off to score a knockout win over Ted Buck, Nottingham, 162½, in the second. Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 138¾, took three rounds to put paid to Howell Roberts, Rhyl, 137½, who was counted out after receiving a terrific right to the jaw.

Maxie Smith, Wolverhampton, 165, outpointed Jacob Dempsey, Antigua, 161¼, in six. Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, 122½, clearly outpointed Russ Hawkswell, Bedworth, 126, in six. Steve Regan, Coventry 117¼, outpointed Ron Hornsby, Rhyl, 121¼, in six.

▶**LUTON**—Johnny Bowler, 155¼, came from behind to score a sensational knockout victory over Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 160½, in the fourth. Don Weller, Battersea, 120, ex-Amateur bantamweight champion, with his southpaw stance, was too clever for the aggressive Brady Barlow, South Africa, 124, and was a worthy points winner in six.

Jimmy Attoh, Ghana, 179, put Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 183, on the deck for six counts in the first round before the referee intervened in his favour. . . . Al McCarthy, Romford, 126¾, and Billy Secular, Bermondsey, 127¾, fought a gruelling six to a draw.

Dave George, Woking, 157, won a one-sided bout on points over Joe Sommerville, Berkhempstead, 155, in six, in which the latter took ten counts. Maxie Earle, Trinidad, 195, outpointed Sid Cain, Watford, 187, in six.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To February 20, 1960)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Johnny Halafihi (Tonga.)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (I)	Mike Holt (SA)	Yama Bahama (B)	Philemon Tshabalala (SA)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Arthur Howard (E)	Terry Downes (E)	Mike Leahy (I)
5. Brian London (E)	Harry Dodoo (G)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. Joe Bygraves (J)	Ron Redrup (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Willie Toweel (SA)
7. Dave Rent (E)	Eddie Wright (E)	John McCormack (S)	Basil Campbell (J)
8. Mosese Verasikete (F)	Johnny Cole (E)	Harry Speedie (SA)	Gerald Gray (J)
9. Robert Cleroux (C)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Albert Carroll (E)
10. Steve Raduly (A)	Billy Smith (E)	Billy Lotter (SA)	Brian Curvis (W)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	John Caldwell (I)
2. Lud. Lightburn (BH)	Percy Lewis (T)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Rafiu King (N)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Billy Kelly (I)	Wally Taylor (A)	Len Reece (W)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. Jackie Hayden (C)	Floyd Robertson (G)	George Bowes (E)	Frank Jones (S)
6. George Bracken (A)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Pancho Bhatachaji (IN.)
7. Peter Heath (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	Dick White (A)	Little Joe (G)
8. Barney Beale (E)	Terry Spinks (E)	Roy Beaman (E)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
9. Dave Stone (E)	Johnny Kidd (S)	Derry Treanor (I)	John Mtimkulu (SA)
10. Ray Ashie (G)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Bernie Taylor (SA)	Eddie Barraclough (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . London**—Howard Winstone, Cardiff, former Amateur Champion, 124, gave a polished performance in outpointing Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 128½, in a fast eight.

Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 179½, narrowly outpointed Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 170, in a hard fought eight.

Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 146½, knocked out Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 149½, in the third. . . . Mick Hill, Wandsworth, 147¼, and Billy Underwood, Hainault, 151, fought a draw in six. Errol Flynn, Newport, 115½, did a good job in stopping Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 117, in the fifth.

▶**OLYMPIA . . . London**—Percy Lewis, Trinidad and Oxford, 124½, and Gracieux Lamperti, France, European Featherweight Champion, 125½, were matched by Harry Levene for what was described as for THE FINAL ELIMINATOR FOR THE WORLD'S FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE, HELD BY DAVEY MOORE. Lewis fought a brainy fight, but the fans did not enjoy his southpaw stance of "Hit & Run" methods, nor did his opponent. When Lamperti cornered Lewis against the ropes, he scored with a rally of fast punches to the head and body, but Lewis soon was on to his "Scooter" going backwards, scoring again and again with his long tanterlizing "Right". . . . The crowd were pleased when the last of the twelve rounds had ended.

It is only fair to state that any contest that followed the thrilling bout between Terry Spinks, West Ham, 126, and Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 125½, would have to be ultra thrilling to have earned the applause of the excited fans. When John O'Brien, who was matched with Bobby Neill for the British Featherweight title, cried off with one week away, claiming that he could not make 126 pounds, also that he is retiring from boxing. The Stewards stated that they would acknowledge this bout as for The Final Eliminator. Interest was aroused from the first gong. Spinks showed some of his best boxing and fighting since his defeat by Bobby Neill in 1959, and the same must be said of the hard punching Scot.

From the seventh on, Kidd took command and reduced the big lead that "Baby Face" Spinks had built up. At the end of the round, the latter walked in a daze to a neutral corner. Spinks continued to box and fight to the delight of all, but it was soon observant that his speed had diminished and he was forced to swap punches with the Scot who by then was in his stride and scoring with heavier blows. In the ninth Kidd received a cut over the right eye. At the end of the tenth, Spinks again walked unsteadily to a neutral corner all but through. Towards the end of the eleventh round with his right eye almost closed, Spinks sank to the canvas for a count of "six," when the bell came to his assistance.

In the last round, Terry sank to his knees for a count of "Nine" and on rising, he clung to his opponent who was struggling to get free and deal out more punishment. As the bell ended the contest, referee Billy Jones raised the hand of Spinks as the winner amid great excitement.

Terry Spinks was declared the winner, BUT AT WHAT A PRICE! One wonders what the Stewards are thinking after witnessing this bout?

Jim Cooper, Bellingham, 197½, was extremely unlucky to lose to Kitione Lave, Tonga, 207, for he was all set to win on points against a lumbersome fighter when a clash of heads saw Cooper emerge with a jagged cut over the right eye. Referee Billy Jones stopped the bout in the sixth after perusing the damage.

Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 128½, and George Carroll, Covent Garden, 126½, fought a draw in a thrilled packed eight. Johnny Kramer, Canning Town, 148¼, stopped Joe Ceroni, Italy, 149½, in the sixth and last round.

Referee Pat Floyd also intervened in the bout between Neil McAteer, Liverpool, 159, and Ivor Evans, Wales, 158¼, when the latter was well and truly beaten in the sixth.

▶**PAISLEY**—Chic Calderwood, age 23, Bricklayer from Craigneuk, became the first Scot to win The British Cruiserweight Title, by virtue of a 13th round victory when referee Ike Powell stopped the one-sided bout because Arthur Howard, Islington, was not in a fit condition to continue. At the weigh-in Calderwood was 174 to the 174½ of Howard. This was the third time that Howard has lost inside the distance in his nine years of professional boxing.

Calderwood, the six foot Scot, is undefeated in 24 bouts in which he has scored 18 inside the distance. Calderwood boxed with perfection, meeting the aggressive Howard half way in the center of the ring with solid lefts to the head, and before many rounds had gone by, Howard was showing signs of wear. His face bore the marks of the hammering that his opponent had meted out to him.

In the sixth, Howard's face began to swell from the rapid lefts to his head, and his left eye was almost closed, but still he came back trying to connect with his heavy swings. But this was to no avail, for Calderwood sidestepped and made Howard look like the proverbial novice. The end came during the thirteenth with Howard in a state of collapse. The referee stepped in to save Howard from further punishment.

In a lightweight bout, Dave Coventry, of Liverpool, who has just returned from The U-S-A, was most impressive in outpointing Bobby Kane, Greenock, over eight rounds. George Judge, Glasgow, outpointed Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, in eight of a featherweight bout.

Jimmy Gibson, Fife, outpointed Pat Aaron, Nigeria, in a lightweight bout of eight rounds. Derry Treanor, Ireland, outpointed Dave Croll, Dundee, in a featherweight eight.

▶**ILFORD** — Jack Whittaker, Warwick, gained a hard earned points win over Tony Dove, Battersea, in a cruiserweight eight. In a featherweight bout Ray Thompson, Dagenham, outpointed Mick Marsh, Bath, in six.

Hugh O'Neill, Ireland, knocked out Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, in the third of a featherweight bout. Peter O'Callaghan, Dagenham, knocked out Maurice Daniels, Liverpool, in the first of a lightweight bout.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

DANNY KID, PRESENT BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION OF CALIFORNIA was elected by the Daily Mirror sports staff as the "1959's professional boxer of the year." The impressive victories of Danny over Jose Taluco Lopez, Dwight Hawkins and Jose Medel had made him the busiest Filipino bantam of the year.

▶Bobby Gray, 127, of Stockton drew with Army Wonder Boy, 127, in 10 rounds at the Besa Boxing Arena. The protege of George Enebrad of Stockton made a sensational showing since his fight kayo of Arab Junior and won the admiration of the Filipino fans. Gray's left hooks and rights to the face drew blood from the nose and mouth of his rival and it was only the heart of Wonder Boy had saved him from a kayo. The Filipino was the aggressor of the night but Gray countered beautifully and was a sharpshooter with his lefts and rights.

Ross Padilla, 119, had made a poor showing after his American ring invasion for more than a year, when he was halted in the 9th round of a scheduled 10 round by Art Braganza, 120. It had proved to be one-sided match from the start until the fatal 9 when a right to the heart sent him to the canvas. He was up at the count of two and sank again without being hit. There was no other recourse but for the referee to stop the fight and award the decision to his opponent by a kayo. Larry Brown, 125, won over Johnny Pasalosdos, 127, in a bloody 6 rounder. Ely Relusio, 112, halted Billy Brown, 112, in the 4th round.

Lucky Marcelo, 139, bested Rocky Antonio, 134, in 4. Berting Alvarez, 112, defeated Boy Domingo, 111, in 4. Al Padilla, 112, kayoed Little Romulo, 109, in 3. Hermie Magbanua, 122, knocked out Pat Pineda, 125, in 3 of the scheduled 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Terry Flores, 152, stopped Henry Dave, 165, in the 2nd round in a local televised main event at the FEU gym. It was a very poor showing of the Davao battler after 3 years of ring idleness. A right uppercut did the trick. Golden Boy, 118, badly outpointed Romy Rxinada, 117, who substituted for Baby Ramos in 6 rounds. Tony Sariban, 116, outjabbed Tomy Dooley, 115, in 4. Flashy Leyte, 114, defeated James Verde, 115, in 4 rounds. Boy Logan, 112, decisioned Kid Aguilos, 112, in 4. Billy Franco, 110, kayoed Max Ramirez, 111, in 1.

▶Young Bonnie, 112, badly outpointed Baby Independence, 112, in 8 rounds in Cebu City. Referee Kid Vicente, former lightweight champion of the orient, did not have a hard time in deciding in favor of the local boy. Chelsea Kid, 117, bested Johnny Labay, 119, in 6 rounds. Star Catalan, 120, and Sixto Plenos was the best fight of the evening with 6 rounds of slugging without a letup. The decision was declared a draw.

▶Underrated Marcing David, 118, became a favorite overnight when he halted Villeza Villar, 119¼, the bantamweight title-holder in 6 rounds in a non title bout at the Besa Boxing Arena. The champion had been downed in the 2nd, 4th and 6th rounds but could not be counted out completely. At the end of the 6th a signal of surrender was announced from the champion's corner and without hesitating, the referee raised the hand of David amidst the applause of the crowd.

▶Ernesto Bitong, sports editor of the Evening News and president of the Philippine Sportswriters Association, announced the 1960 boxing benefit for the destitute and disabled fighters of yesteryears would be a fight between Harold Gomes, junior lightweight champ and Flash Elorde sometime this year. The proposed site was the Rizal football stadium which can accommodate more people than any stadium in Manila.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

A GOOD SIZED CROWD AT PHOENIX, saw Al Pago Pago, local wrestler, stop Karl Von Stroheim, to settle a grudge. Both heavyweights showed boxing experience, but Pago Pago is a tough customer. Referee Nick Lee stopped the fight in round two. Then promoter Paavo Ketonen and Pago left sunny Arizona for a tour of Alaska.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Herbie Rodriquez, 160, New Orleans, scored an upset win over Roque Proano, 157, in 1:36 of the fourth. Johnny Hunter, 160, Tucson stopped Louis (Nature Boy) Gorduno, 155, of Mesa in 2:15 of the ninth. In a preliminary bout, Bob Avery, 195, looked good in stopping Lee Williams, 198, Tucson in the fourth.

▶IMPRESSIVE WINS were registered at Phoenix' Madison Square Garden by Manual Elias and Floyd Joyner. Elias, 124, stayed right on Johnny Shaw, 126, managed by Bill Swift, and won a split decision in 10 rounds. Both boys call Phoenix home.

Joyner, 197½, a stablemate of Zora Folley, is ready to step into big time. He outclassed Chief Al Williams, 178, of Oklahoma City in 10 rounds. Elias won the right to fight Oney Mingus, managed by Fred Y. Ong for the state featherweight championship.

In other bouts, Charlie Austin, 157, scored a TKO over Big Boy Holmes, 161 in 4; and Ocie Owens, 158, earned a TKO over Per Fjelhemmer, 162, in three. All are from Phoenix.

▶T. H. (Lefty) Mofford has been named chairman of the Arizona State Athletic Commission. Fred Woodward serves with him.

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By Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

Boxing for the first month of 1960 was confined to amateurs training for the Golden Gloves or University of Wisconsin competition.

Professional boxing though had its lighter moments too. Early in the month at a banquet in the Eagles Club, Joseph Krueger director of the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, presented a replica of the Bronze Plaque of the late Richie Mitchell which hangs in the Hall of Fame, to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Richie fought his first pro bout at the Eagles in 1913 and was a former Athletic Director. Milwaukee's Mayor Frank Ziedler, Judge Robert Hansen, City Treasurer Joseph Krueger and Ray Markey a member of the boxing commission were the principal speakers.

A capacity crowd at the Eagles Club dinner enjoyed seeing Ingemar Johansson, world heavyweight champion receive the Fraternal Order of Eagles—Frederick C. Miller award—as the Outstanding Male Athlete of 1959. The "Sports Award night" is an annual affair at the Eagles and a trophy is given to both the Male and Female athlete of the year. Miss Maria Buena of Brazil, tennis champion, selected as Female Athlete of the year sent her regrets. She is tied to a contract in Australia.

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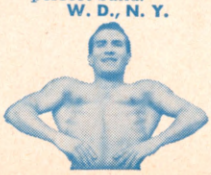

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